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STATIONS	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	8.40	9.15	10.30	11.45	1.15	1.45	2.20	2.50
Yau Ma Tei	8.50	9.24	10.39	11.54	1.24	1.54	2.29	2.59
Shatin	9.00	9.34	10.39	11.54	1.34	2.04	2.29	2.59
Tai Po	9.10	9.44	10.49	12.04	1.44	2.14	2.39	3.09
Tai Po Market	9.20	9.54	10.59	12.14	1.54	2.24	2.49	3.19
Fanning	9.30	10.04	11.19	12.24	2.04	2.34	2.59	3.29
Shuangchi	9.40	10.14	11.29	12.34	2.14	2.44	3.09	3.39
Shumchun	9.50	10.24	11.39	12.44	2.24	2.54	3.19	3.49

STATIONS	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shumchun	7.21	8.05	10.39	11.44	1.15	1.45	2.20	2.50
Shuangchi	7.31	8.15	10.49	11.54	1.24	1.54	2.29	2.59
Fanning	7.41	8.25	10.59	12.04	1.34	2.04	2.29	2.59
Tai Po Market	7.51	8.35	11.09	12.14	1.44	2.14	2.39	3.09
Tai Po	8.01	8.45	11.19	12.24	1.54	2.24	2.49	3.19
Shatin	8.11	8.45	11.29	12.34	2.04	2.34	2.59	3.29
Yau Ma Tei	8.21	8.55	11.39	12.44	2.14	2.44	3.09	3.39
Kowloon	8.30	9.04	11.49	12.54	2.24	2.54	3.19	3.49

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

STATIONS	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	8.40	9.15	10.30	11.45	1.15	1.45	2.20	2.50
Yau Ma Tei	8.50	9.24	10.39	11.54	1.24	1.54	2.29	2.59
Shatin	9.00	9.34	10.39	11.54	1.34	2.04	2.29	2.59
Tai Po	9.10	9.44	10.49	12.04	1.44	2.14	2.39	3.09
Tai Po Market	9.20	9.54	10.59	12.14	1.54	2.24	2.49	3.19
Fanning	9.30	10.04	11.19	12.24	2.04	2.34	2.59	3.29
Shuangchi	9.40	10.14	11.29	12.34	2.14	2.44	3.09	3.39
Shumchun	9.50	10.24	11.39	12.44	2.24	2.54	3.19	3.49

STATIONS	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shumchun	8.12	10.38	11.40	12.00	1.15	1.45	2.20	2.50
Shuangchi	8.22	10.48	11.50	12.10	1.25	1.55	2.30	3.00
Fanning	8.32	10.58	12.00	12.20	1.35	2.05	2.40	3.10
Tai Po Market	8.42	11.08	12.10	12.30	1.45	2.15	2.50	3.20
Tai Po	8.52	11.18	12.20	12.40	1.55	2.25	3.00	3.30
Shatin	9.02	11.28	12.30	12.50	2.05	2.35	3.10	3.40
Yau Ma Tei	9.12	11.38	12.40	13.00	2.15	2.45	3.20	3.50
Kowloon	9.22	11.48	12.50	13.10	2.25	2.55	3.30	4.00

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STATIONS	Dep.	Arr.	STATIONS	Dep.	Arr.
Fanning	7.45	11.30	Shatin	6.30	10.15
Shatin	8.40	12.25	Fanning	7.25	11.10

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HONGKONG'S FINANCES.

The financial report of the Colonial
Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer)
for 1924 states in part:—

The total revenue for the year amount-
ed to \$24,209,640 being \$2,839,700 more
than the estimate and \$574,123 less than
the revenue in 1923. Compared with that
year there were increases under all the
heads except Kowloon Canton Railway
and Land Sales.

The principal sub-heads showing excess
over the estimate were as follows:—

(a) Carriage, chair, etc.	\$ 43,968
(b) Flues	63,160
(c) Forfeitures	124,789
(d) Liquor licences	32,410
(e) Opium monopoly	1,847,913
(f) Stamp duties	304,877
(g) Tobacco duties	504,877
(h) Postage	54,925
(i) K. C. R. coaching, local	192,943
(j) Contaminated stores	87,442
(k) Land sales	400,236
(l) Interest	71,810

The increases were due (a) to more
licences issued, (b) to more fines,
(c) to more forfeitures, (d) to under-
estimation, (e) to increased sales, (f)
large estate duties, (g) expansion of
through local traffic, (h) sale of
Shanghai Post Office and (i) increased
balances.

The principal deficits compared with
the estimates were:—

(a) Assessed taxes	\$ 119,813
(b) Liquor duties	20,737
(c) China companies fees	27,240
(d) Medical examination of emigrants	23,634
(e) Water excess supply and meter rents	59,466
(f) Coaching through traffic	443,538
(g) Goods through traffic	38,510
(h) Leased lands	45,303

Expenditure.—The total expenditure
brought to account amounted to
\$26,726,498 being \$1,801,761 more than
the estimate, and \$3,134,324 more than
the expenditure in 1923. Compared with
the estimates there were savings under
eleven heads.

Miscellaneous expenditure exceeded
the estimate by \$313,338 mainly due to
the following items:—

Rent allowances (Asiatic staff)	\$ 31,164
Stationery	29,732
Transport of Government servants	99,147
Flood relief fund	30,000
Purchase of "The Bricket"	38,000
Crown Agents commission	7,658
Gratuity to Mr. L. L. Perkins	\$ 3,571
Contribution to British Em- pire Cancer Campaign	2,406
Grant to Hongkong Boy Scouts Association	4,000
	\$ 304,766

Military Expenditure exceeded the
estimate by \$233,412 due to increase in
revenue. Expenditure in connection
with the construction of a Rescue Tug,
the renewal of Moorings, provision of
a new Typhoon Buoy, the introduction
of anti-piracy Patrol Launches and other
miscellaneous items resulted in the Har-
bour Department's vote being exceeded
by \$314,200. Less opium was purchased
during the year decreasing the expendi-
ture under this head by \$157,964.

The principal factor responsible for the
decreased expenditure of \$150,518 in the
Estimates for the Fire Brigade Depart-
ment was due to non-completion of the
new Fire Boat a sum of \$34,000 being
spent out of the \$180,000 estimated. The
Sanitary Department showed a decrease
of \$123,099 due to savings on Salaries,
Exhumation, Fuel and other items. Ex-
penditure in the Education Department
was less than the estimate by \$108,888
on account of unpaid Building Grants
and other savings.

Excess Expenditure under the votes
P. W. R. Hongkong "Typhoon and
Mainstorm Damages"—\$356,336; "Main-
tenance of Buildings"—\$78,541; "Im-
provements to Buildings"—\$41,849; and
Water Works "Maintenance of City and
Hill District"—\$41,957; were the principal
factors responsible for the excess of
\$655,469 under Public Works Recurrent.
A sum of \$2,142,699 was expended on
Compensation and Resumptions against
an estimate of \$100,000. There were sav-
ings due to works being delayed or de-
ferred owing to various causes result-
ing in a total excess expenditure under
Public Works Extraordinary of
\$1,115,685.

There was a saving of a sum of
\$341,845 under the Kowloon Canton Rail-
way, the estimates for certain items of
Rolling Stock and Constructional Works
under the head "Special Expenditure"
being partly expended only.

The Expenditure for the year exceeded
the Revenue by the sum of \$2,516,783.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

COURT SEQUEL TO ATTACK ON
INDIAN CONSTABLE.

Mok Chuen Chung, an unemployed
Chinese of Tungku, alleged to be one
of the two men who assaulted and
grossly wounded Abdul Khalik, an
Indian constable, at No. 3, Railway
Bridge on Tuesday, appeared before Mr.
E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday. He was charged on
three counts, with attempted murder,
firing at the police, and with having a
revolver in his possession. It will be re-
called that the constable's revolver was
stolen from him.

The defendant was formally remanded
for a week.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]
RED ARMY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Kuomintang Military Academy at
Whampoa, a training school for officers
of the Red Army, upon hearing that
Bolshevist deserters have decided to dis-
band the school, has decided to resist
possible action of its former compatriots
and is prepared to stand against at
least ten days' siege, if necessary.

"SOFT" DRINKS TAXED.

Besides aerated waters, which the
Bolshevists in Canton are taxing as
luxuries, other cold drinks will be
included in the taxable list, according
to a proposal before the Central Ex-
ecutive Committee in Canton. The
Bolshevists have a list of more than
1,000 cold drink stands or restaurants
in Canton serving ice cream and other
popular summer delicacies.

THE SILKWORM TURNS.

The Chinese Silk Association in Can-
ton, it is understood, will stand firm
against the attempt of the Bolshevists
to exact \$2,000 from each silk flature
in the silk centre for their recent stop-
page of operation, for which the workers
who have been on strike are asking for
compensation through the Workers Confer-
ence of the party. Practically all the
flatures have reopened, since a majority
of the workers have finally decided to
withdraw from the influence of the
Bolshevists, whose walking delegates have
been lately threatened with expulsion,
if they try further to cause disaffection
among the workers in the silk producing
districts. The Silk Women Workers
Union in Yungkie, Shuntak, voluntarily
disbanded last week, deferring to the
advice of the Klan Council there.

PLAGUE IN CANTON.

Unofficial but press reports from the
northeastern suburbs of Canton, state
that more than 20 cases of bubonic
plague have been discovered in the
vicinity the last few days, and so far
no mention has been made by the Municipal
Department of Public Health on the
subject.

"OLD-STYLE" SCHOOLS.

Eight old-style schools in Canton City
were recently ordered to be closed by
the Bolshevists, who are apparently oppos-
ing the return to the teaching of Con-
fucianism and other ancient classics. It
is the opinion of not a few in Canton,
it is said, that old-style schools, while
somewhat backward in their teachings
and texts, are preferable now-a-days to
the public schools directed by Bolshevists,
whose bad financial management has
caused teachers strikes for pay and the
like. Some parents also object to their
children being called upon by the
Bolshevik officials to parade the streets
for various forms of demonstrations
which the youngsters know very little or
nothing about. The Bolshevists, who
also have a special committee on Uni-
form text books to strike out sym-
bolisms unfavourable to their party, may
close down more old-style schools.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese
was remanded, on a charge of having
stolen a quantity of butter, beef and fish
and a basket from the Kowloon branch
of the Dairy Farm.

The three sailors, an American, a
Malayan and a Spaniard, who were
charged with having slept in a truck at
the Kowloon-Canton Railway, again ap-
peared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at
the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday and
were discharged with a caution.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday
afternoon, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton,
Tong Kun, of No. 14, Gage Street, Tong
Lung Village, was charged with having
a revolver and 200 rounds of ammuni-
tion in his possession. It was stated that
the articles were found in his possession
on board the s.s. "President Van Buren."
Sub-Inspector Andrews prosecuted and
Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence.
It was stated that when the defendant
came off the "President Van Buren" he
was stopped by an Indian Guard who
searched him and discovered the revolver
and ammunition on him. He was then
taken into police custody. After pre-
liminary evidence was taken for the
prosecution, the defendant was remand-
ed for a week.

Before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.,
at the Marine Court yesterday, "the
Japanese master of the *Mao Lee*, was
fined \$10 for anchoring in the fairway
and causing an obstruction there.

At the Marine Court yesterday, be-
fore Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.,
two cargo boat people were charged with
having dangerous goods on board and
anchoring their craft in an anchorage
other than a dangerous goods anchorage.
It appears that they had a quantity of
kerosene oil on board. They pleaded
guilty and were each fined \$100, with
three months' hard labour in default.

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Many of the delegates to the Nation-
al Foreign Trade Convention to be held
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and 26th, propose to extend their
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can Oriental Mail Line, operated by the
Admiral-Oriental Line. Mr. Kehoe said
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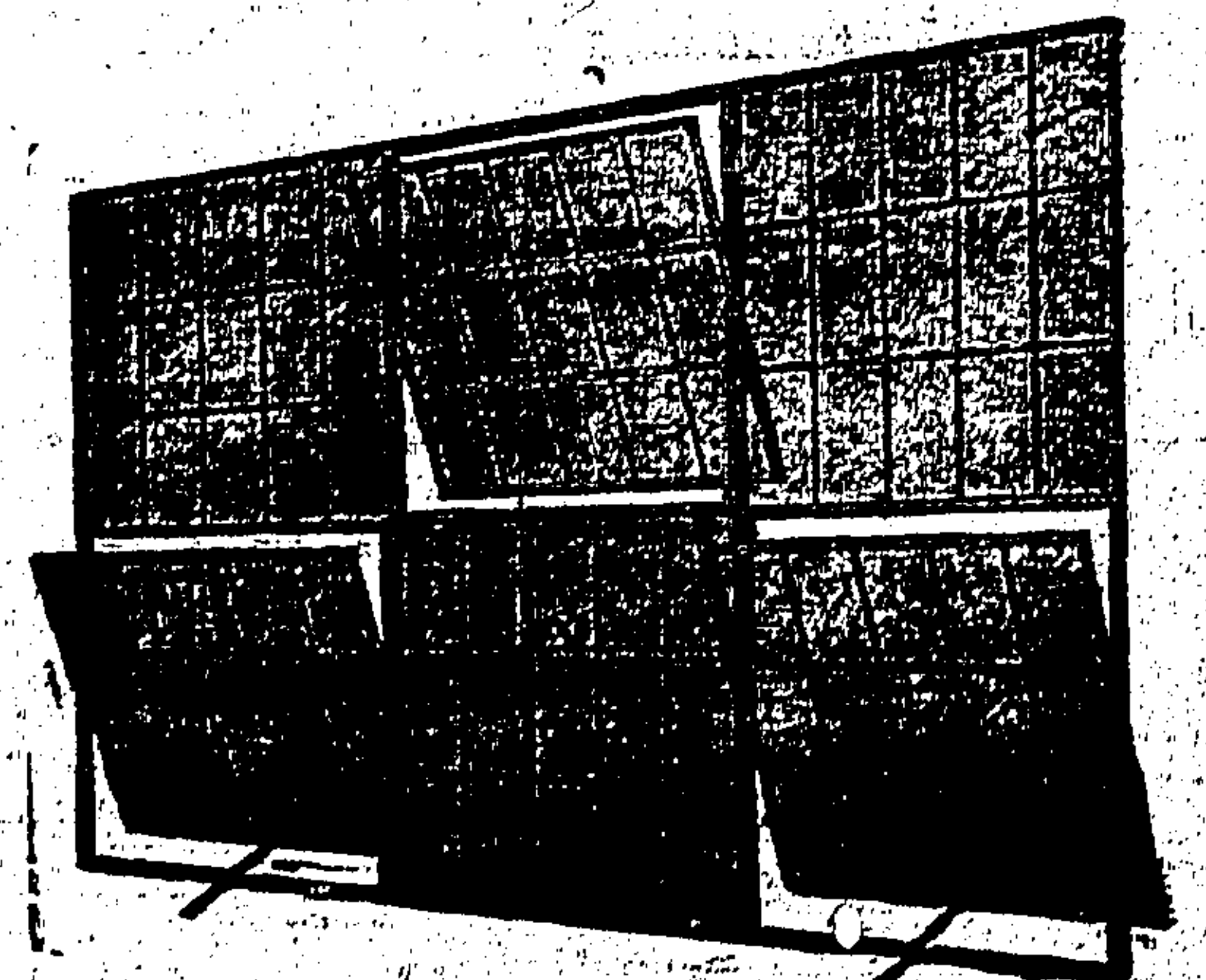
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COMPANY REPORTS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

The Report for presentation to the shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton at the fifty-second ordinary meeting to be held at the Society's offices at noon on Friday, May 22nd, states:—

The Board has now to lay before the shareholders a Balance Sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Society on the 31st December, 1924, and a Statement of Working Accounts, 1924 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of 24s. per share and the bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of £388,741.15. 2s. 6d. per annum statement which the Board recommends should be disposed of by the payment of a final dividend of 18s. per share to the old shareholders of the Society and to those shareholders of The Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited, who accepted the Society's offer in respect of the new shares in the Society allotted to them. The balance together with the dividend received from Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited in respect of shares in that Association taken in exchange by the Society will be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account. This balance is estimated at £382,972.

1924 Account.—The balance of the working account on the 31st December, 1924, was £308,724.19.10. as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of 24s. per share be paid to old and new shareholders and a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account. This balance is estimated at £320,924.

Reserve Fund.—The Board recommends the transfer from the re-insurance fund of £27,000 to the credit of the sterling reserve fund which will increase this fund from £195,000 to £222,000 and decrease the re-insurance fund from £1,998,793.1.1. to £1,971,793.1.1.

Directors.—Since the last general meeting, Mr. J. P. Warren and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, resigned from the Board on leaving the Colony and Mr. T. G. Weall and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang have joined the Board. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Hon. Mr. F. H. Holyoak and Mr. G. M. Young, M.B.E., retire but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Since the last general meeting, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Chartered Accountant, tendered his resignation and Messrs. Linstead & Davis were appointed in his place. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Chartered Accountants, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd. The report of the China Fire Insurance Company Limited, for presentation to the shareholders, at the fifty-sixth ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's offices on Friday, the 29th May, 1925, at 12.30 p.m., states:—

The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the Company's account made up to the 31st December last.

1924 Account.—This account shows a net profit on working of \$923,301.01, which sum it is proposed to apportion as follows:—

Dividend of \$7.00 and Bonus of \$3.00 per share on 30,000 shares	\$2020,000.00
To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense A/c	723,301.01
	\$2,743,301.01

1924 Account.—The Balance at Credit of this Account is \$1,026,256.97

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TEACHER ROBBED.

At 2.30 p.m. yesterday, Stanley Street was the scene of a hot chase of two men by a school teacher of the Ying Yin Night School.

The teacher states that while he was taking tiffin in the Stag Hotel five men came to him and asked him his name. Not waiting for an answer they assaulted him and snatched a gold chain attached to his watch from his breast pocket. Then they made off. Two of the men have been arrested but the others escaped.

The case in which a broker named M. E. Joseph is charged at the instance of Mr. F. C. Peck with criminal breach of trust in respect of 3,000 shares in Alor Gajah Estate, 2,000 in Bukit Jelutong Estate, 4,000 in Bukit K. B. Rubber Co., and 5,000 in the Jeram Kuantan Rubber Co., was mentioned in the Second Police Court, Singapore, on May 14th. It was postponed until May 20th, when the preliminary enquiry will be held.



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The original prints are given. They are "clipped" to each page of the booklet and are accompanied by short, accurate descriptions of the different scenes, written by one who knows his subject and has a happy gift of literary expression. The author, however, hides himself behind initials and these given as "Y.O.P." provide very little information regarding his identity.

The views include Sulphur Channel, Hongkong from the Harbour, the Harbour and Kowloon from the Peak, the views from Mount Kellet, and Lugard Road, the Cenotaph and Hongkong Club, Aberdeen from the Motor Road, the Golf Course and Deep Water Bay, Repulse Bay, Tytan Tuk Reservoir, Happy Valley and many others.

The booklet, which is entitled "Picturesque Hongkong," was printed in England and is published by Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd. It is on sale at Kelly & Walsh and Brewer & Co., at \$5.

SUGAR PLANTER'S ESTATE.

PLAINTIFF AWARDED \$320,000.

A settlement has been effected in the probate action concerning the goods of the late Chan Along, the Hawaiian sugar planter, in which were concerned a former Chairman of the Government of Canton (Mr. Chan Chik Yu) and his nephew, plaintiff (Chan Wing On).

Both parties are to pay their own costs in the action, and plaintiff is to be awarded \$320,000 in cash or Hongkong securities.

FORGED \$100 NOTES.

Two forged notes of \$100 each were passed in an Indian Silk Goods Store, in the China Building, yesterday.

In the first case the note was tendered by a Chinese who made a small purchase and secured the change. He escaped before the forgery was discovered.

The second was tendered by a Chinese woman in payment for a piece of silk which she had purchased for \$10. The forgery was noticed and the woman arrested. At the Police Station she is said to have stated that \$100 had been given to her by her "sweetheart."

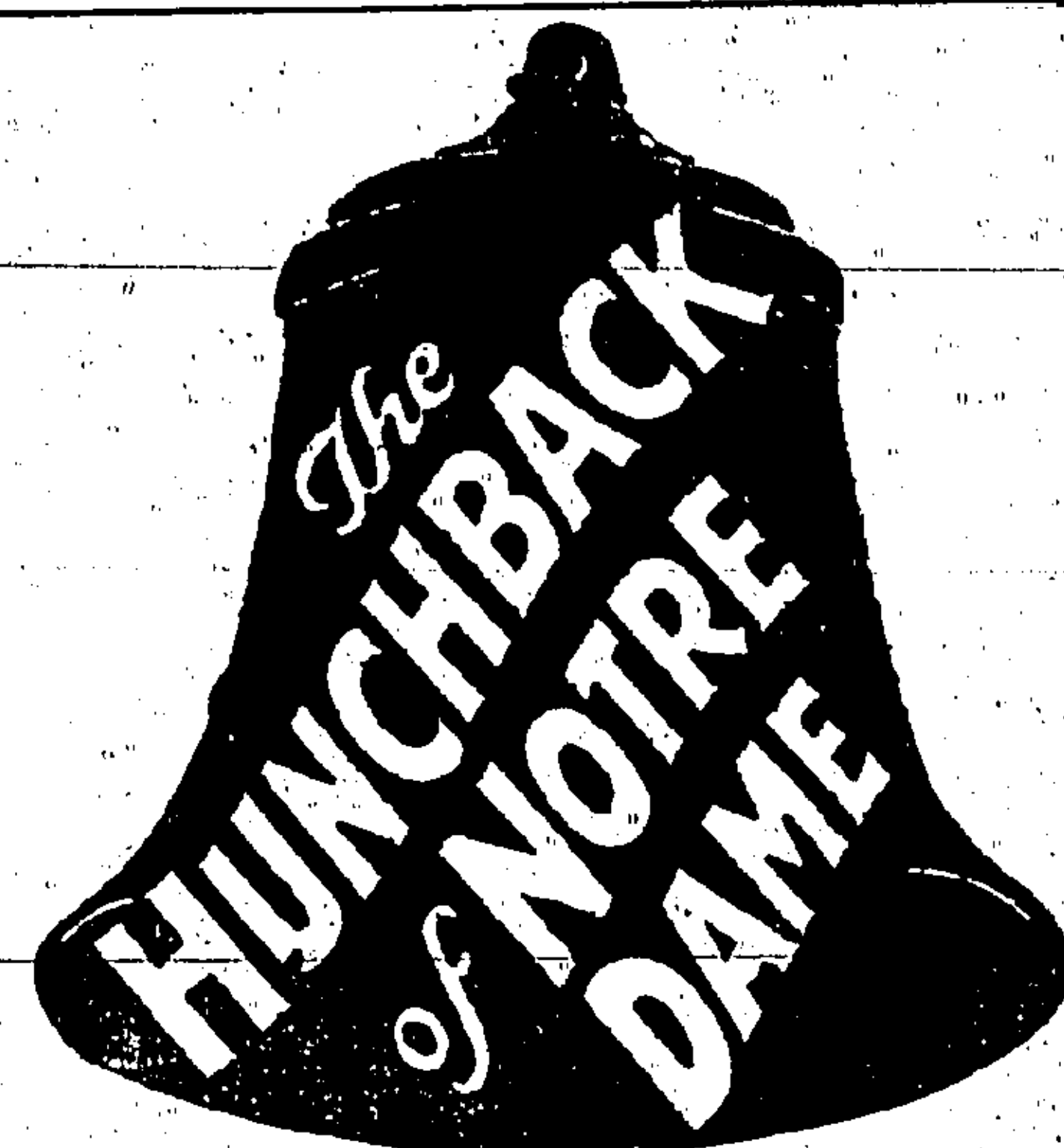
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE UNDERTAKING.

HON. MR. ALABASTER CRITICISES THE RESOLUTION.

RENTS RESTRICTION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL EXPRESSES HIS PERSONAL VIEWS.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. Present: His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. STURGES, K.C.M.G.), His Excellency the Officer Commanding the troops (Colonel F. S. MONTAGUE BATES, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir GLAUC SEVELL, K.B.E., C.M.G.), The Attorney-General (Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.), The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McLELLAN, O.B.E.), Messrs. T. C. CRASBY (Director of Public Works), Mr. D. W. TRATMAN (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. J. B. ANDERSON, M.B.E. (Principal Civil Medical Officer), Hon. Mr. F. H. HOLYOAK, Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG, Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON, Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD, Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL, Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, K.C., O.B.E., Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Clerk of Council).

Minutes of the last meeting of the Council were approved and signed.

PAPERS.
The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—
Report of the Police Magistrates Courts for the year 1924.
Report of the Colonial Treasurer, for the year 1924.
Orders made by the Governor in Council under the Rents and Rating Ordinance.

FINANCE.
The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes 18 to 20, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 2) and moved that it be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE TELEPHONE UNDERTAKING.
TRANSFER TO NEW LOCAL COMPANY APPROVED.

The Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution which stood in his name on the agenda:—

1.—Such Company shall be styled The Hongkong Telephone Company, Limited, and it shall be registered under the Companies Ordinance 1911.

2.—Directors of such Company (hereinafter referred to as the Company) shall be not less than four and not more than eight in number, and all the Directors shall be bona fide residents in Hongkong.

3.—The Oriental Telephone and Electric Company Limited, during such period as it holds not less than 100,000 fully paid shares in the Company, shall be at liberty to nominate two Directors, provided always that such Directors shall be bona fide residents in Hongkong and that the total number of Directors shall not exceed eight.

4.—The capital of the Company shall be \$5,000,000 divided into 500,000 shares of \$10 each.

5.—The capital of the Company shall not be increased, except by permission of the Legislative Council.

6.—The consideration in respect of the acquisition by the Company of the undertaking of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company Limited shall be:—

- \$1,155,000 for the plant.
- The landed cost of additions to the plant and property between the 1st January and the 30th June, 1925.
- \$491,335 for land and buildings.
- The value of stores in hand or contracted for on the 30th June 1925.

Which consideration shall, he inct, as to \$1,400,000 in the allotment of 140,000 fully paid shares, and as to the balance in cash.

7.—The Company shall have the sole right to supply a public telephone service during a period of fifty years from the 1st July, 1925.

8.—The Company shall, within such period as the Governor in Council may determine to be reasonable, provide an improved telephone service to be approved by the Governor in Council.

9.—The Company shall be authorized to charge the following annual rates to subscribers, with effect from the 1st July, 1925:—

- \$108 within a radius of one mile from any exchange that may hereafter be opened outside the areas referred to in (a).
- An additional charge of \$50 per mile or part of a mile measured outwards from the nearest point of the boundary of the areas referred to in (a) and (b).
- For extension telephones, bells, switches, switchboards, power-circuits, removals, and other services of like nature, such charges as the Governor in Council may approve.

10.—Should the charges above referred to be insufficient to pay to the shareholders of the Company a minimum dividend of eight per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of the Company for the time being after making provision for maintenance and efficient service, depreciation, reserve or sinking fund and managing expenses, the above rates shall be raised so as to enable the shareholders to receive a minimum of eight per cent. per annum after making the aforesaid deductions.

11.—The net profits of the Company after providing as aforesaid shall be used firstly in payment to the Government of royalty of four dollars in respect of each direct exchange line telephone which has been used and paid for during the whole previous twelve months by a bona fide telephone subscriber or one dollar per direct exchange line telephone for each period of three months or less.

12.—The said net profits shall secondly be applied in payment to the shareholders of the Hongkong Company of the minimum dividend of eight per cent. per annum rising to twelve per cent. per annum.

13.—In the event of the net profits exceeding twelve per cent. per annum, then as to the difference between twelve per cent. and eighteen per cent. half thereof shall be distributed in further dividends and the remaining half by way of reduction of the subscription rates; the dividend payable to shareholders being limited to a maximum rate of fifteen per cent.

14.—Any additional surplus shall be used solely for the reduction of subscription rates.

15.—The rights and obligations of the Government and of the Company shall be set out in detail and embodied in a bill which shall be introduced as soon as may be in the Legislative Council.

The Colonial Secretary said:—Sir, In moving the Resolution which stands in my name I propose to refer quite shortly to the negotiations which took place a few years ago between the Government of Hongkong and Mr. Parker Ness representing the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co. These negotiations were started as a result of the fact that the licence of the Company was due to expire in 1920, and it was desirable that some arrangements should be arrived at considerably before that date, as to the lines on which the public telephone service of the Colony should be conducted. The matter was last before this Council on the 12th October, 1922, when Mr. Fletcher, who was acting Colonial Secretary, made a full statement on the subject of the negotiations which had taken place from March, 1920, onwards and a resolution was unanimously adopted to the effect that no new agreement should be entered upon with the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co. unless that Company agreed to accept certain rates of subscription. These rates were to be \$44 in 1922, \$46 in 1923, \$48 in 1924, \$51 in 1925 and \$53 in 1926. The intention of the Government was that the Company must in future be domiciled in Hongkong and work on a dollar basis and in 1925 the question of the purchase of the undertaking and the formation of a new Company was taken up with Mr. Taggart and others. Certain proposals were put forward and were reported upon by the Telephone Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Government thereupon authorised Mr. Taggart to negotiate for the purchase of the Company for a sum not exceeding \$200,000, such sum not to include the land belonging to the Company the buildings thereon or the stores. In January, 1924, a draft of the proposed new agreement was submitted to the Company and the presence of Messrs. Preece, Cardew & Rider, Consulting Electrical Engineers to the Government, and he was asked to examine the position. Subsequently the firm reported as to the value of the present undertaking on the assumption that it was in good serviceable condition, they also reported on the cost of installing a new system. In March, 1924, a draft scheme was prepared much on the lines of the scheme set out in the resolution except that the purchase price, for the plant was fixed at \$900,000. The late Mr. A. B. Lowe approved this scheme but he thought that the proposed price was too low seeing that the same figure had been suggested two years previously and that the Company had in the meantime spent about \$18,000 in additions to plant. Last summer Mr. Fletcher was in London and he discussed the matter with Mr. Parker Ness and Sir George Gibb and it was agreed that it was to the interest of all parties that Sir George Gibb should come to the Colony to settle matters on the spot. He arrived in

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January last and after protracted negotiations he and Mr. Taggart signed a provisional agreement embodying most of the terms that are set out in the resolution. The Government was not a party to this agreement as it was not prepared definitely to commit the Colony without the consent of the Legislative Council. The Government has been in close touch with this matter with the two Chambers of Commerce who have been provisionally made one in the terms of this resolution and I now propose to go through such of its terms as require explanation. In doing so I would observe that the object of the Government throughout has been to safeguard the interests of the public and to ensure that the direction of the Company will be entirely in the hands of local directors.

The names of the first directors in Clause 2 of the Resolution are as follows: Mr. Holyoak, Chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. Taggart, Father Robert, Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Kottewall, Mr. Shewan and Mr. Scott Hartson.

Under Clause 3 the two directors nominated by the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co. Ltd., are Mr. Holyoak and Mr. Taggart. The shares of the Company are to be distributed as follows:—\$20,000 or 50 per cent. to the general public, 140,000 or 28 per cent. to the vendors, 110,000 or 22 per cent. to the directors. Of the 110,000, 10,000 shares are to be allotted on payment to each director and an additional 15,000 shares on payment to Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Taggart, who are recognised by the Government as promoters of the Company. The shares available for the public are to be issued only to persons ordinarily resident in Hongkong and to be apportioned according to the practice prevailing in England, with the exception that by a reasonable quota of shares will be set aside for a small allotment per exchange line to individual telephone subscribers. The sum of \$250 is to be paid on the issue of the shares to the public and directors and in addition the sum of \$1 premium is to be charged on such shares. The present position of the money market is such that the Government is satisfied that the shares will be fully taken up without underwriting at the premium proposed. The effect of such premium will be to reduce the yield on the first instalment to 5.7 per cent. while the final return when the shares are fully paid up will be 7.2 per cent.

It is proposed to invite Messrs. Preece, Cardew & Rider to study the situation on the spot and who will advise as to the best method to be adopted for securing an improved telephone service. Until the report of such engineer has been received it is impossible to estimate the expenditure that will be required for installing a new system, but I may say that a careful study of the figures which have been produced during the last five years leads the Government to hope that it will be possible to maintain the subscription rate shown in the Resolution for a long time to come without increase, more especially as the proposed premium on the shares will give an additional capital sum of \$300,000 for which subscribers will not have to provide interest.

As regards the rates set out in paragraph 9 of the Resolution I would point out that under sub-paragraph (b) the Company will provide exchanges as soon as possible in the neighbourhood of Shaukiwan, in the northern part of Kowloon Peninsula and at Tai Po so that after these exchanges have been opened there will not be many subscribers who will have to pay more than the \$108 rate. It is also proposed that exchanges shall be opened at certain places such as Aberdeen and Stanley, and in my place where the number of subscribers justifies matters on the spot. He arrived in

There are at present a certain number of subscribers in Victoria who are more than one mile from the present exchange who are paying a higher rate than \$108, but it is not proposed to require these subscribers to pay more than a rate of \$108 when the new Company begins to operate.

There are a number of points of detail which remain to be settled and these will be set out in an Ordinance which will shortly be introduced in this Council. I think that honourable members will agree that the proposals are entirely satisfactory from every point of view and that this new public utility company will embark on its career with every prospect of rendering efficient service with due regard to public interests.

I cannot finish without expressing the high appreciation of the Government for the services rendered by all those who have worked to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion and I wish particularly to mention the work done throughout the negotiations by Mr. Taggart. The promoters were fortunate in having, during the latter part of the negotiations, the presence of Sir George Gibb in the Colony, a gentleman of wide experience and high standing in business circles. The Government has been able to represent from the earliest stage of the negotiations by Mr. Fletcher whose ability and tact have tended in no small measure to bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion.

I beg to move the resolution. Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: I rise to second the resolution before the Council, and in doing so, in view of the loud and somewhat elaborate statement made by the Colonial Secretary, I feel that it is unnecessary and indeed would be superfluous for me to dilate upon that which he has said so forcibly. This resolution is the conclusion of five long years of difficult negotiations to procure a better telephone service for the Colony, and we believe as a result of this it is now within sight. The negotiations, as you have said, Sir, have involved several years past the careful and continuous attention of yourself through the Chambers of Commerce, to which various members have given their quota during all this discussion. Not least of them is one who at one time a member of this Council and is now unfortunately silent for ever, but whose clear thought and judgment helped materially towards the position which has culminated in this resolution. I would like to pay tribute also to the ability, tact and judgment shown by Mr. Taggart, who I will also join in paying tribute to one whom you mentioned, more so, because the tribute is one which this Council certainly ought to accord. I refer to the assistance rendered by Mr. Fletcher from the earliest stages of these negotiations. In the very early days he resisted encroachment upon the Colony's lease by Mr. Parker Ness in the face of the fact that other Colonies had fallen down before Mr. Parker Ness's clever representations and the position had become very difficult to deal with. However, gentlemen, this is a long story, and as I say it goes back over five years of continuous negotiations. The resolution before you is the culmination of this discussion. It will bring the Telephone Company in Hongkong under the control of a local board of Directors, who will be responsible to the shareholders in the Colony, and I hope it will mean that the telephone system, which is to be dealt with in a report to be made by experts brought out from Home, will be so improved as to result in better service for us. It must be some time yet, but I feel that the result will be satisfactory to the Colony. I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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CRITICISM BY HON. MR. ALABASTER.

Hon. Mr. ALABASTER: I should have liked to have had a little more time to study this resolution and to have got the views of more people than I have been able to reach in the last two days, but it seems to me the resolution is so worded as to afford the public subscribers to the telephone service insufficient protection. In a first glance at the resolution, Clause 3 strikes the subscriber as very attractive. He sees what he is asked to pay and considers that it is not unreasonable. He is apt at the first glance to overlook the fact that Clause 9 is rendered absolutely nugatory by Clause 10, and might not have been there, as Clause 10 says: "Should the charges above referred to be insufficient to pay to the shareholders of the Company a minimum dividend of 8 per cent. per annum on the paid up capital of the Company for the time being after making provision for maintenance and efficient service, depreciation, reserve or sinking fund and the managing expenses, the above rates shall be raised so as to enable the shareholders to receive a minimum of 8 per cent. per annum after making the aforesaid deduction." In the first place it is unusual on the part of a public utility company, which is going to make use of public roads and public property, to guarantee to that Company a minimum dividend. It is not unusual to guarantee a maximum dividend, but it is unusual to guarantee a minimum. In 1922 this Council authorised the Peak Tramway to construct a tram, and they were granted a monopoly for 25 years renewable over various periods of seven years at a time. It limited the rates they might charge the travelling public, but they did not guarantee a dividend. There was a clause in the Ordinance which contemplated the insolvency of the Company. The Company has had its good years and its bad years. It has been a paying concern especially in late years and there was no need for that clause. In 1922 the Hongkong Tramway Company Ordinance was passed. That again had a clause contemplating insolvency, but again, it had no guarantee of a minimum dividend. It was not required to pay royalties for ten years, because it was realised that being a new Company they would have to build and establish their position. After ten years, they had to pay a royalty of 5 per cent., after which they had to pay a royalty of 25 per cent. Another public utility Company, the Yau Ma Tei Ferry Company has had to submit in exchange for its monopoly, to a schedule of fares. It has no guarantee against insolvency. Indeed, it was put up to auction and very highly competed for. So it seems to me very extraordinary that this should be the case in this resolution. It seems to me that the promoters of this Company a minimum dividend of 8 per cent., particularly as that dividend is not to be a dividend of 8 per cent. after deducting working profits, but to be arrived at only after provision has been made for a reserve fund. There is nothing in the resolution as it stands to prevent the Directors in their wisdom deducting and putting all the first few years' dividends and profits into the reserve and doubling or trebling the rates of subscription. I think the matter can be rectified; without in any way jeopardising the agreement arrived at between Mr. Taggart and the vendor Company by altering paragraph 10 so that it shall be read in such a way that the rates referred to in paragraph 9 shall not be raised until the Company is given permission by this Council, and then only to the extent which this Council or the Executive Council allows. They should not be able to double the rates at their own sweet will. Therefore, the Government will accept a proviso to Paragraph 10 which will provide that the rates in Paragraph 9 will not be raised without the sanction of this Council.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I think the remarks made by the honourable member would have been more in point if this had been the final form of the document on which we are going to work. The agreement with the Telegraph Company before it can be operative must be embodied in an Ordinance in which it will be necessary to introduce a great number of matters which are not touched on in this resolution. The resolution is put before the Council to see whether members agree with it in principle or if they have any definite objection to any of the clauses. It is obvious that we cannot agree to leave in the hands of a company of this kind the sole determination as to what is reasonable expense of management, depreciation, or anything of that kind. But the resolution already goes into a considerable amount of detail, more than is actually necessary, and I think it would be better to leave a matter of the kind referred to by the hon. member until the Ordinance comes before the Council. It is obvious that there must be somebody to decide what is reasonable to allow for expenses or reserve fund, and I think that somebody should be this Council. It will also be necessary to provide an arbitration tribunal to settle any difference of opinion between this Company and the Council. These matters, I think, should be left to the Ordinance. The resolution is rather one of principle. I put it to the Council whether they consider the general lines set out there are in accordance with the public interest. You must remember that if we were starting a telephone service entirely new, we might start on somewhat different lines. But we are not proposing to do so, as there is already a company in the field, and we have got to accept some of their views in order to clear this out of the way and make room for improvements before the end of the year 1930.

Hon. Mr. ALABASTER: Am I to gather that the provision for a consultation of this Council before the rates are raised will be in the Bill?

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I should certainly be in favour of it, and if the hon. member advocates that I have no doubt Council will take into full consideration his views.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: I think that is only fair to say, viz. that these negotiations have been going on all the time and that it has been quite understood that the directors would have to satisfy the Council.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Yes. The question will arise when the Ordinance is before the Council, and I think it will be covered satisfactorily.

The resolution was then put to the meeting, and carried.

BILL TO INCORPORATE "THE SAILORS' HOME."

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill intitled an Ordinance for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Sailors' Home, Hong Kong.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then proposed that the Council go into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

The Bill having passed through committee without alteration, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved its third reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

"PETITES SOEURS DES PAUVRES" BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill intitled an Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Society of the "Petites Soeurs des Pauvres, St. Pern, Bretagne," commonly known as The Little Sisters of the Poor.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then proposed that the Council go into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

The Bill having passed through committee without alteration, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved its third reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then proposed that the Council go into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

The Bill having passed through committee without alteration, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved its third reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

RENTS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend the Rents Ordinance, 1922 and 1924. Honourable members will have had in their hands the provision of this Bill dated the 15th day of this month. With its revised objects and reasons, I do not think that I need detain honourable members long in dealing with this Bill. The main object of Clause 3a of the principal Ordinance, which is indicated by Clause 3 of this Bill, is to provide for an increase of 15 per cent. upon the standard rent of all domestic tenements to which the principal Ordinance is applicable, and in providing for that increase it has been thought fit, inasmuch as it has been represented to the Government that possibly landlords may not wish to increase the rent to such a great extent as 15 per cent. at all the one time, that it be provided that the increase of 15 per cent. may be made in different stages provided that the total increase does not exceed 15 per cent. of the standard rent of such domestic tenement. I would point out that this clause is not necessarily 15 per cent. on present rent put on the domestic tenement, but an increase on the standard rent in such domestic tenements. Therefore, if it so happens that the rent paid is not the standard rent then it will not be possible for the lessor to put an increase of 15 per cent. on the present rent. The increase will be from the provisosable members will see from the principal Ordinance, the lessor is to give the lessee notice, in writing, of his intention to increase the rent, and he is also to state in that notice the amount of the standard rent. Turning now to the next clause of the Bill, Clause 4, you will notice that there is a certain penalty inflicted on the lessor if he incorrectly states the standard rent in any notice to the lessee under clause 3a. That clause makes him liable to a penalty of \$1,000 unless he proves to the satisfaction of the magistrate that he acted bona fide. It has been thought desirable not to include in this 15 per cent. provision cases where under a lease a certain rent has been reserved. Clause 3a casts with these words: "Nothing shall entitle any lessor during the currency of any existing or future lease of any domestic tenement for a term which is unexpired to any rent higher than the rent reserved in such lease."

There are just a few more points I might deal with connected with 3a of the Bill. You will notice the words "or from such later date" have been inserted after the words "the 30th day of June, 1925," so as to show that the lessor if he wishes may raise his rent on a later date than 30th June, 1925; and does not lose his option of raising the rent if he does not raise it at that date, notwithstanding that such date does not coincide with the last day of any period of time in respect of which rent is payable. This is necessary owing to the fact that the Chinese lunar months do

not coincide with our own English calendar months. And the words: "Notwithstanding the existence of any tenancy at the date of the notice" are inserted so as to make it clear that notwithstanding any contractual relations existing, there should be this power to increase the rent 15 per cent. on the standard rent.

Clause 5 of the bill gives power to penalize any lessor for taking action for reconstruction not required in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

I now come to the last clause of the Bill, clause 6, which provides for the extension of the Rents Ordinance in June, 1925. It always seems to be my fate to say something depressing in this Council when the question of the Rents Ordinance comes on. I know my views are not shared by some other members of this Council, but I must say that it seems to me that it may not be found possible [to discontinue the ordinance] when the matter is reconsidered next Spring for the Ordinance to come to an end on June 30th next year. I am not speaking officially on behalf of the Government, it is simply my own opinion and in support of it I may say that the provisions of English Acts of Parliament dealing with the rent question show how the English Parliament has found it necessary from time to time to postpone the termination of "The Increase of Rents Act" in England, and we have heard recently that in Bombay they have postponed the termination of the Rents Ordinance there for a period of three years. Another point to be considered is that here in Hongkong we are dealing with premises with very high rental. At home in England I think the Rents Act only applies in the metropolitan district to rent of premises not exceeding £10 a year, or some figure like that, whereas here in Hongkong we are in some cases dealing with premises where rents may come to £1,000 a year. Therefore it is a much bigger problem we have to face in this Colony when we are considering the problem of getting out of rents restriction, because we have to do it so as not to cause serious dislocation either to the wage earner or to the owner of business premises. I know some people contend we ought not to pay any attention to the lease holders of business premises, their argument being that they have been protected under this Rents Restriction Ordinance by a sort of side wind. I am not quite sure whether that contention is correct in point of fact, but it must be obvious to anybody on this Council that it would not be reasonable for the Government of this Colony to repeal the Rents Ordinance if they could in fact, whatever the intention was originally that by so repealing it they would cause considerable dislocation of business. I think it right to put forward these personal views of mine. They do not represent the views of the Government. I think it right I should state frankly that in my view it is not at all easy to bring the Rents Ordinance to a termination, and Sir, I would also say, as I have said on other occasions in this Council, that in view of the unfortunate state of unrest prevailing in the neighbouring Republic of China—and there has been no real improvement since I addressed the Council this time last year—we must always be prepared for large numbers of refugees coming into the Colony. We shall all be glad if that unhappy state of affairs in China should come to an end, because we feel the unrest in China is detrimental to all our commercial interests in this Colony and should welcome peace and prosperity for the prosperity of this Colony is bound up with the prosperity of China. With these few remarks I beg leave to move the first reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I propose that we adjourn until this day week at 2.30.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$24,700 in aid of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, construction: Bridge No. 4.

The CHAIRMAN: When the Estimate for this bridge was being prepared the cost of the girders, which was \$18,461.64, was omitted. The total cost of the bridge has been \$41,787.92, or \$24,784.42 more than the estimate of \$17,000. There was an excess in the contract of \$3,478.78 owing to more re-conditioning being required than was anticipated—that is re-conditioning of the girders. There were also a few extras as asphalt flooring of the main spans and the amount spent on which makes up the balance of \$2,749.53.

Approved.

TELEPHONE CABLES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$37,000 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Extraordinary:—
Hongkong.

Miscellaneous—35. Telephone cables to d'Aguiar Wireless Station.....\$18,000.00

Kowloon.

Miscellaneous—122. Telephone cable between Kowloon and Tai Po and Fanling.....19,000.00

Public Works, Recurrent:—
Hongkong.

Communications—3. Maintenance to telephones including all cables.....3,000.00

Total.....\$37,000.00

The CHAIRMAN: The first item is for the telephone cable to Cape d'Aguiar Wireless Telegraph Station. The original estimate for the cost of the cable was \$61,600, and the actual cost was \$85,100, a difference of \$23,500. The cost of laying the cable will, however, be somewhat less than the estimate, about \$4,000 less, and the deficit is \$18,500.

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The following promotions and appointments in the H.V.D.C. take effect from May 18th:—

Artillery Company—No. 177. L/Bombr. N. L. H. Ralston to be Lance-Sergeant; No. 601. Gunner C. W. Langley to be Lance-Bombardier.

No. 1 Platoon.—L-Cpl. H. K. Prosser, M.C., to be Sergeant; Pte. H. Owen-Hughes to be Corporal; Ptes. R. I. W. Foster, F. R. Jones, M.C., and A. Prismatic to be Corporals; Pte. H. G. B. Burns to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 2 Platoon.—Corpl. R. R. Davies to be Sergeant; Ptes. C. E. Millard and J. C. Long to be Corporals; Ptes. D. D. Urquhart, B. S. Rogers, C. R. F. Johnson, M.A., and H. S. Frowse, to be Lance-Corporals.

QUEEN'S PIER.

READY FOR USE AT END OF THIS MONTH.

Queen's Pier after being enveloped in scaffolding for months, is now practically completed and will be ready for use at the end of the month. During the last few days the debris has been in process of being cleared away and the scaffolding has been removed.

The entrance to the pier has been quite changed and has been given a new and distinguished appearance. The entrance is an imposing structure, with a simple yet effective style of architecture. It is granite and designed in the Renaissance style. It has an arcade of three bays, with engaged columns carrying an entablature and there are carriage approaches on either side. The interior is also suitably, although quietly effective. Although a simple style has been chosen in the erection of this fine addition to local architecture and buildings, it would be quite suitable and in keeping for use on ceremonial or official occasions.

It is understood that no definite arrangements have been made yet for an official or special opening ceremony to be performed.

The pier is 150 feet in length and 41 feet wide; while the depth of water beside it is about 17 feet. There are two flights of landing steps, each of which are 9 feet in width. The roof is of red tiles and is supported on steel trusses, which rest on cast iron columns.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: What is the explanation of this?

The CHAIRMAN: When the indent was sent home it was impossible to say what the price of cable would be. When the Crown Agents came to place the tender they found it so much more than we had estimated. It depends on the cost of copper. The same remarks apply to the second item. Fortunately, though the cost of cable exceeds the estimate by \$29,900, there is a saving in the cost of laying the cable of \$18,000.

Hon. Mr. ALABASTER: Is that a Government cable?

The CHAIRMAN: It is a Government telephone cable.

Hon. Mr. ALABASTER: Will they duplicate this in the new scheme?

The CHAIRMAN: This cable is to Government quarters and police stations.

Hon. Mr. LANG: Will it be possible to come to some arrangement with the new company?

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think it will be possible to get rid of our Government Exchange. There are certain advantages in having a Government Exchange. I do not think it has been suggested.

Hon. Mr. LANG: It would obviate laying two lengths of cables.

The CHAIRMAN: The matter was considered several times, but there are always difficulties. Whether under the new company it will be possible to come to some arrangement I cannot say. The matter can be taken up again. The difficulties were insuperable in the past.

The CHAIRMAN: The third item \$3,000 is in respect of certain goods, switchboards, cables and telephones ordered in November, 1922. They did not arrive last year, and no provision was made to cover their cost in this year's estimates.

The votes were approved.

WIRELESS TELEPHONES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$31,769 on account of the following votes:—

Public Works, Extraordinary:—
Hongkong.

Miscellaneous—Installation of wireless at Waglan light-houses and General Post Office.....\$5,158.00

Kowloon.

Miscellaneous—Installation of wireless telephone.....25,000.00

Miscellaneous—Installation of wireless telephone at the Water Police Station and Cheung Chau Island.....571.00

Miscellaneous—Wireless receiving station, Royal Observatory.....640.00

Total.....\$31,769.00

The CHAIRMAN: The 1st, 3rd and 4th items represent the unexpended balance of sums voted last year in Financial Minutes 13, 14 and 24; so they are really re-votes. The second item \$21,000 has already been approved by the Finance Committee for a wireless telephone to broadcast typhoon warnings and police warnings. Any office will then be able to broadcast urgent matter.

Approved.

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(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following that in to say by the deletion of Article 17 and by the substitution thereof of the following Article, namely:—

"17—So long as the issued capital of the Company shall not exceed \$3,000,000, no Member shall be entitled to be registered as the Holder of more than 8,000 Shares of the Company. Should the issued capital of the Company be increased beyond \$3,000,000 the number of shares in respect of which a Member shall be entitled to be registered shall be increased proportionately, but no Member shall be entitled to be registered in respect of a fraction of a Share."

(2) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000) consisting of 60,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$50 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 140,000 additional Shares of the nominal value of \$50 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the Shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(3) That 60,000 of the said 140,000 New Shares be offered in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every old share held by them respectively) to the Members of the Company who on the 10th day of June, 1925, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 60,000 Old Shares at a Premium of \$10 per Share.

(4) That the aforesaid offer be made to Members by Notice specifying the number of new shares to which a Member is entitled. That a member whose registered address is situated in the Far East or his nominee shall pay for such new shares accepted by two instalments, i.e., One Instalment of \$30 per new share to be paid on or before the 15th day of July, 1925, and a further instalment of \$20 per new share to be paid on or before the 15th day of October, 1925, and such Member or his nominee who has not accepted and lodged with the Company's Bankers the first instalment due on such new shares on or before the 15th day of July, 1925, will be deemed to have declined. That a Member whose registered address is situated outside the Far East or his nominee shall pay for such new shares accepted by two instalments, i.e., one instalment of \$30 per new share to be paid on or before the 15th day of September, 1925, together with interest calculated at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the total amount then payable for the period from the 15th day of July, 1925, until the date of receipt of payment by the Company's Bankers and a further Instalment of \$20 per New Share to be paid on or before the 15th day of December, 1925, together with interest calculated at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the total amount then payable for the period from the 15th day of October 1925, until the date of actual receipt of payment by the Company's Bankers and such Member outside the Far East or his nominee who has not accepted the first instalment due on such New Shares on or before the 15th day of September, 1925, together with interest as aforesaid will be deemed to have declined. The Directors shall have the right to reject any Nominee.

(5) That such of the said 60,000 New Shares as shall be accepted by Members both in and outside the Far East shall be paid for as follows:—The said 60,000 Old Shares rank for dividend as from the 15th day of July, 1925, to the extent of one half of the nominal value of such New Shares and as from the 15th day of October, 1925, equally with the said 60,000 Old Shares.

(6) That any of the said 60,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid and the remaining 30,000 unissued new shares may be issued and disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 10th DAY OF JUNE, 1925 to WEDNESDAY, the 17th DAY OF JUNE, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

Dated the 20th day of May, 1925.
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHEN KWONG CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the Winding Up of the above named Company by the Supreme Court of Hongkong was on the 4th DAY OF MAY, 1925, presented to the said Court by Messrs. TRADING CO., LTD., JOHN D. HENDERSON & CO., HARRY WICKHAM & CO., LTD., S. C. LAY & CO., HAYWARD TRADING CO., LTD., S. C. LAY & CO., SHUM & CO., FRANKO-CHINESE TRADING CO., LTD., KUNG WOO, GEEZ BROTHERS & CO., XAVIER BROS., LTD., SHING KEE, MING KEE and YUAN SHING, all of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Court of Justice, Victoria aforesaid, on the 28th DAY OF MAY, 1925, at 10.30 A.M., and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of Hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company, requiring the same by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 18th day of May, 1925.
GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO.,
Solicitors for all the Petitioners,
St. George's Building,
Hongkong.

NOTE.—Any Person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by Post to the above named notice in writing of his intention so to do.

The Notice must state the Name and Address of the Person, or, if a Firm, the Name and Address of the Firm, and must be signed by the Person or Firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post on sufficient time to reach the undersigned Not Later Than 6 o'clock in the AFTERNOON of the 25th DAY OF MAY, 1925.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves Delivery may be obtained. All Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 10th June, or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th instant, at 10 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1925.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on SATURDAY, 6th JUNE, 1925, at 12.30 P.M., in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex.

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RESERVED SEATS \$1 each MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS of the Club may Now Book Seats at the PAVILION at REDUCED PRICES. Booking will CLOSE at the Pavilion on SATURDAY, 23rd MAY, after which Date Booking will be at Messrs. MOUTRIE & CO.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

COMPANIES (WINDING UP).

No. 3 of 1925.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911
AND
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Hongkong, 21st May, 1925.

INTIMATIONS

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 16th to May 29th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1925.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1925, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1925.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1925.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th JUNE, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the Morning, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 24th JUNE, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1925.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

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Mr. E. V. M. DE SOUSA, The Auctioneer,
China Building,
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Captain G. G. RANDALL, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on or about THURSDAY, the 28th MAY, 1925, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Blank Vouchers and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared.

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Hongkong, 21st May, 1925.

INTIMATIONS

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 22ND, 1925.

THE NEW "STANDARD RENT"

In connection with the proposed renewal of the Rents Restriction Ordinance for another year, so amended as to allow landlords of tenement property to which the ordinance is applicable to increase rentals up to fifteen per cent., it is interesting and instructive to glance back over the history of this Ordinance which was placed on the Statute Book of the Colony in July, 1921. The object of the ordinance has been to protect tenants of domestic tenements from unreasonable increase in rental, and from arbitrary termination of their tenancies. The rental payable, in respect of private domestic tenements on the 31st December, 1920, was taken as "the standard rent," and after the passing of the ordinance landlords were prevented from charging any higher rent in respect of the tenements then existing. All new buildings after that date were left entirely free from the restrictions of the ordinance; that is to say, their owners were entitled to charge whatever rents they could obtain, the hope being that a subsidiary effect of the ordinance would be to encourage the erection of new buildings. Originally, it was intended that the ordinance should remain in force for one year, i.e., till June 30th, 1922, but power was given to the Legislative Council to extend this duration by resolution, by not more than a year at a time. In a statement made at a meeting of the Legislative Council prior to the introduction of the Bill, H.E. THE GOVERNOR said it was with great regret that he felt compelled to ask the Council to interfere with business matters in this way. "It is undesirable," he said, "to interfere with economic laws, but if these laws are

not allowed to work smoothly, and the landlord takes the opportunity of rack-renting by virtue of his monopoly, or makes a 'corner' in housing accommodation, it is necessary to abandon precedents and general principles." The landlords have chosen to defy the Government and the public, and I must ask you, gentlemen of the Council, to deal with them. When the time came in June, 1922, to decide whether it was necessary to "extend temporarily" the provisions of the ordinance, the necessity for the extension was recognised and the Council extended the Ordinance for one year more. H.E. THE GOVERNOR on that occasion remarked: "It seems to me from various indications that this law will not really be necessary for more than another year, because a great amount of building is taking place." This view, however, was not widely shared outside the Council Chamber and, as a matter of fact, the provisions of the ordinance have had to be extended year by year since. Thus a law designed to operate for one year has had to be extended so as to cover a period of five years. Whether it will be allowed to lapse in June, 1925, is at present doubtful.

While the ordinance has undoubtedly served to prevent tenants from being unduly exploited, the general public has cause to lament that in the fifth year of its operation the Legislative Council has been forced to the conclusion that justice to the owners of old domestic tenements requires that they should be permitted to increase the standard rental by fifteen per cent. When introducing the Bill in 1921 the Attorney-General, alluding to the proposal to take the rents payable on 31st December, 1920, as the standard rent, remarked that "no one would say that rents were low at the end of 1920." What, then, is the justification now for allowing that rent to be raised by fifteen per cent? No information was furnished on that point by the ATTORNEY-GENERAL in his speech yesterday when the Bill which will sanction this increase was introduced. An enormous number of tenement buildings have been erected in the Colony during the past four years; large building schemes are still in progress, and it is disappointing to find at the end of four years, that notwithstanding this great increase in the number of tenement houses in the Colony, there is still no prospect of the economic law of supply and demand proving sufficient in itself to keep down rentals to levels which were not considered "low" at the end of 1920. A Committee of the whole of the members of the Legislative Council has investigated the subject and come to the conclusion that rents which they regarded as not "low" in 1920 are, in fact, low to-day.

Has there been a further fall in the value of money in the past four years, or is it that members of the Council, being anxious that this interference with economic law should cease, consider that the dropping of the law twelve months hence might be facilitated by a concession which would slightly reduce the difference between rents charged on old and new tenement property respectively? It is obvious that until there is some closer approximation between the rentals of the protected and the unprotected houses, it will never be possible to allow the ordinance to expire with any hope that the rack-renting it was designed to frustrate will not be promptly revived. Generally speaking the protected property is in the most convenient localities, and the moment the ordinance is allowed to lapse, whether next year or ten years hence, the probability is that there will be keen competition for many of these tenements at rentals much higher than the present "standard."

H.E. THE GOVERNOR, when the Restriction Ordinance was renewed in 1922, further said: "I hope it will not be necessary to continue it beyond another year." If anything of this nature is to become permanent I think we shall have to introduce a Fair Rents Tribunal, a thing we have shrunk from doing for very obvious reasons. When, however,

we see that the tendency is still for rents to rise, it makes us wonder whether the discontinuance of the Rents Restriction Ordinance, whenever it comes about, will not be followed by a vociferous public demand for a Fair Rents Tribunal. Four years ago we were regarding the housing problem in the Colony as the direct but transient consequence of the disturbed condition of the neighbouring province, causing thousands of people to flock into this Colony seeking peace and security under the British flag. Matters have steadily grown worse instead of better in Kwangtung, and what was looked upon as a transient or temporary population in this Colony would seem to have become a practically a permanent one. There does not appear to be any sound economic reason for a growth in the population of this Colony such as nullifies the effort to overtake the housing shortage and bring down rents, or at least to maintain them at the standard hitherto recognised by the Rents Restriction Ordinance.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on May 20th showed 1 case each of enteric and paratyphoid fever, both Chinese.

A fire which broke out in a matshed at a brick works at Castle Peak on Wednesday, totally destroyed the structure and caused damage to the amount of \$1,000. The cause of the fire was unknown.

The wedding is to take place on Thursday, June 4th, at St. John's Cathedral, at 3 p.m., of Mr. Nowell Bernard White, son of Mrs. Rose White, to Miss Pearl C. Thompson.

The report of the local Magistrates' Courts for the last year shows that the number of cases tried was 27,877, as compared with 21,811 in 1923; and the revenue was \$291,372.23 against \$184,928.15.

The following Officers are detailed for the H.V.D.C. Annual Efficiency Board, which will sit at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, June 4th, at 5.45 p.m.:—Capt. R. Melville Smith, M.B.E., Capt. J. B. Ross, Lieut. C. Willson, M.B.E., V.D., Lieut. S. J. Jordan, M.B.E., 2nd-Lieut. J. Bartholomew, and 2nd-Lieut. J. Norris Owen. The Commandant is presiding.

Between seven and eight o'clock yesterday morning the dead body of a middle class Chinese woman, aged about 30 years of age, was discovered lying by the roadside at Causeway Bay. It appears that the woman had been visiting a friend, who is a boat mistress, and drank a quantity of fresh water. Shortly after leaving her friends, she apparently felt ill, and laid down by the roadside, where she expired.

Mr. W. P. Simpson, who was President in 1923 of the new Orleans Association of Commerce, intends visiting Hongkong as a special representative of that body and affiliated organisations in the Mississippi Valley. He will arrive somewhere about June 8th by the s.s. *President* Poll, and carry out an investigation of trade conditions and busy himself in promoting friendly relationship between the business men of Hongkong and the business men of New Orleans and the Mississippi Valley.

Nam Ying, the steersman of a trading junk reported to the police that at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, his junk was coming with a cargo of sand from Mui Woo to Wanchai, and when off Jardine's wharf in the Southern Railway, the s.s. *Wantung* collided with his craft on the port side. The junk filled with water and sank. The steersman, and some others were picked up by a small boat and another launch, but it is not known whether the remainder of the crew, which numbered ten men, were saved or drowned.

Captain R. Patrick, of the Sydney Shipping firm of Messrs. Patrick and Co., is staying in Hongkong for about a month, in connection with his tour of the East for the purpose of studying shipping conditions in this area. Captain Patrick, who served in the Navy during the war and gained the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, was in Hongkong last in 1896, when he was an apprentice on the *Torrada*. He is in the East, it is understood, to acquire into the trade and shipping possibilities between the Orient and Australia.

Officers of the Hongkong Medical Society, for 1925, are: President, Prof. J. L. Shellshear, Vice-Presidents, Prof. J. Anderson, Prof. K. H. Digby, Dr. Arthur W. Woo, Dr. M. B. Omar, Dr. E. P. Minett, Prof. C. Y. Wang, Dr. S. Y. Wong, Dr. R. J. Wong, Chairman of Committee, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. Z. Bau, Honorary Treasurer, Dr. G. H. Thomas (acting). Members of the executive Committee, for 1925, are: Chairman, Dr. G. H. Thomas (Hon. Secretary), Mr. T. Z. Bau (also Editor of the *Advertiser*), Hon. Treasurer, Dr. G. H. Thomas (acting), 1st year representative, Mr. G. S. Scully, 2nd year representative, Mr. Peter Pau, 3rd year representative, Mr. C. K. Ong, 4th year representative, Miss E. Ho Tung, 5th year representative, Mr. A. D. Wong, Representatives on the Union Council, Dr. G. H. Thomas and Mr. T. Z. Bau.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ITALY'S WAR DEBTS.

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI ISSUES FULL STATEMENT.

Rome, May 22nd.

Signor Mussolini stated to-day that Italy's war debts amount to one hundred milliard lire, of which 50 milliards are due to America. Contrary to press reports, the latter had not presented any official demand for opening immediate negotiations for the liquidation of the debt; but friendly, non-official conversations had occurred.

Italy would do her utmost to meet her debts as far as her economic situation permitted.

But in view of Italy's great sacrifices in the war, and in view of the fact that her wealth was only one-fifth that of France and incomparable to that of Britain, Italy was entitled to something more than the most favour nation treatment; and if a moratorium was accorded other debtor nations, he could ask a still longer moratorium for Italy. It was manifestly unfair to give a conquered nation, like Germany, better treatment than one of the Allies.

UNDERWRITES HIT.

SADDLED WITH MAJORITY OF L.C.C. LOAN.

LONDON, May 21st.

Following the failure of the New Zealand Loan, underwriters of the London County Council Loan of £2,000,000, issued at 84 and bearing interest at 4 per cent, have been saddled with 75 per cent of their dealings. Quotations to-day opened at 11 discount.

COMMUNISTS IN WARSAW.

OVER FORTY LEADERS UNDER ARREST.

WARSAW, May 21st.

The political police yesterday arrested over forty Communist leaders. They also seized a considerable quantity of foreign currency at the headquarters of the secret association of the central committee of Communist youth. They searched a number of documents and instructions from the executive committee of the Third International to the Polish Communist Deputies. Kwikowski and Skrzypa, were discovered.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OPENS AT GENEVA.

GENEVA, May 21st.

The seventh annual session of the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations has opened.

The Czechoslovak delegate, Dr. Hruska, has been elected president.

A selection committee to determine procedure has been appointed consisting of twelve Government representatives and six each from the employers and workers delegations, including the British, Indian and Canadian Government delegates, British and South African employers' delegates and British workers' delegates, with Indian employers' and workers' delegates as substitutes.

BOMB PLOT RECALLED.

SOFIA COURT SENTENCES MEN FOR CRIME IN 1920.

SOVIA, May 21st.

The Tribunal has sentenced to death M. Proudkine, former Prefect of Police, and also Patananski and Louko, in connection with the bomb outrage at the Odessa Theatre in 1920. Patananski was sentenced to confinement.

The former Minister, M. Mouravieff, and Ferdinand Markoff were acquitted.

THE CLASSIC RACES.

SCRATCHINGS FOR DERBY AND OAKS.

LONDON, May 22nd.

At 9 a.m. to-day, Treasury's name was withdrawn from the Derby, to be run on Wednesday next, May 27th.

Lucade II was scratched for the Oaks, to be run on May 20th.

SOCCER IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, May 20th.

The team representing England at soccer, which is touring the country, defeated Victoria by 7 goals to none.

GOLD FOR AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, May 21st.

The P. and O. s.s. *Beaulieu* arrived there to-day from Cape Town. She brings a consignment of £500,000 in bullion.

EARLIER CABLES.

EARL OF YPRES.

LATEST BULLETIN IS MORE FAVOURABLE.

LONDON, May 20th.

An unexpected bulletin states that the Earl of Ypres is sinking, and there appears to be little hope of recovery.

LATEST CABLES.

PATIEN RALLIES.

LONDON, May 21st.

The Earl of Ypres made an extraordinary rally, this morning. He has managed to obtain a little sleep.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE ARMS CONFERENCE.

FURTHER PROGRESS REPORTED FROM GENEVA.

GENEVA, May 20th.

The general committee of the Arms Conference carried the amendments to the draft Convention submitted by the American delegation, including the elimination of article 23, providing that the Council of the League of Nations should publish an annual report of the operation of the Convention.

It is noteworthy that the American amendments aimed at excluding from the Convention all mention of the League of Nations.

QUESTION OF ENFORCEMENT.

There was a lengthy discussion of the Jugo-Slav amendment to article 23, providing that the Convention be not enforced until ratified by 12 Powers.

The amendment proposed that the Convention be enforced simultaneously with the Convention controlling the private manufacture of arms, munitions and implements of war.

The representatives of countries not engaged in the manufacture of arms favoured the amendment, but Lord Onslow, the British representative, questioned its necessity, and Mr. Burton, the American representative, opposed it.

The amendment was finally referred to the co-ordination committee in order that a formula might be found reconciling private manufacture with the trade in arms.

VISCOUNT ALLENBY.

DECISION TO RETIRE IS FINALLY ACCEPTED.

LONDON, May 20th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Austin Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated that Viscount Allenby had informed him last autumn that he desired to be relieved as soon as the public interest made his retirement possible.

Mr. Chamberlain said he had received the announcement of Viscount Allenby's intention with great regret, and at his (Mr. Chamberlain's) request Viscount Allenby had continued to hold his post of High Commissioner. His resignation had now been accepted, and His Majesty had approved of the appointment of Sir George Lloyd to succeed Viscount Allenby. This implied no change in the policy of His Majesty's Government in regard to Egypt or the Sudan.

PRINCE OF WALES.

RECEIVES GREAT WELCOME FROM KAFFIR GATHERING.

KING WILLIAMSTOWN, May 20th.

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, wearing the khaki uniform of a Colonel of the Welsh Guards, was enthusiastically cheered by a great gathering of 10,000 Kaffirs.

May addresses were presented to the Prince. Massed choirs of Kaffir children sang and the Prince was presented with six silver-mounted walking-sticks by six of the Chiefs.

The Kaffirs mostly wore red and brown blankets and head necklaces. The women, with red-painted faces, wore long skirts, and short-sleeved and low-necked blouses. The costumes of some of the men were remarkable. One was clad in navy-blue trousers, a black evening-dress waistcoat, double collar and a black dress tie and a tail coat made of wildcat skins.

The Prince of Wales, replying to the addresses, referred to the difficulty in the racial problem in South Africa, and he urged the natives to make the fullest use of the splendid educational facilities.

CONDUCTED ORCHESTRA.

The Prince of Wales, the previous evening, attended a dance, where he was most warmly received, and he spontaneously acted as conductor of the orchestra, which was playing "Second to None."

LORD PLUMER.

APPOINTMENT TO PALESTINE IS APPROVED.

LONDON, May 20th.

It is officially announced that His Majesty has approved of the appointment of Lord Plumer as High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief in Palestine, in place of Sir Herbert Samuel, whose tenure of office will expire at the end of June.

EMPIRE DEVELOPMENT.

COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH GREAT PROBLEMS.

LONDON, May 20th.

In the House of Lords, Earl Balfour announced that the Government proposed to set up a Committee analogous to the Committee on Imperial Defence, which will deal with the great problems of Empire development.

ENGINEERS' WAGES.

SUGGESTION OF EMPLOYERS TURNED DOWN.

LONDON, May 20th.

A conference of the engineering trade unions, held in London, unanimously passed a resolution refusing to negotiate their application for an increase of wages on the basis suggested by the employers' letter. This proposed an extension of the working day and a reduction of nightshift and overtime rates.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SIR EDWARD STUBBS.

MAY BE OFFERED POST IN NIGERIA.

LONDON, May 20th.

The *Manchester Guardian's* London correspondent states that the name most frequently mentioned in connection with the post of Governor of Nigeria in succession to Sir Hugh Clifford, is Sir Edward Stubbs, Governor of Hongkong.

[Rumours associating the name of Sir Edward Stubbs with Nigeria, have been in circulation before, but no official news is obtainable locally regarding either His Excellency's next appointment or his successor in Hongkong.]

It is interesting, however, to recall that Sir Frederick Lugard, a former Governor of the Colony, left Hongkong to take charge of the Administration of Nigeria. He had previously been High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria and his chief work, during his second term of office, was the amalgamation of Northern and Southern Nigeria into one administrative area. The Governorship of Nigeria now carries with it a salary of £5,500 per annum, including allowances.

The land policy in Nigeria, which was recently so strongly condemned by the late Lord Leverhulme, was initiated by Sir F. D. Lugard. In effect the land has been nationalised. It is declared to be the property of the people and is held in trust for them by their chiefs who have not the power of alienation. The exclusion of the European land speculator and denial of the right to buy and sell and of freehold tenure was held by the authorities to be essential for the moral and material welfare of the inhabitants.

Lord Leverhulme, on the other hand, it will be remembered, expressed the opinion that the country would never be developed as it should be unless a white man was enabled to secure freehold tenure and be rationally developed that the Government's policy was barring the way to great progress.]

WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.

QUEEN IS INTERESTED IN HONGKONG SECTION.

LONDON, May 20th.

In the course of a private visit to Wembley Exhibition, Her Majesty, Queen Mary was received at the Hongkong Section by Sir Robert Ho Tung and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G. The Commissioners for this section.

Her Majesty watched the matchmaking and other processes and purchased artificial flower souvenirs, three hand-made dolls, a small ivory elephant, a risha, a teapot and a cage.

Noting the quaint headress of the Hongkong women, Queen Mary smilingly remarked to one of the women that she ought to have her hair bobbed.

Her Majesty inspected in detail the silkworm exhibit, where Lady Ho Tung was presented to Her Majesty.

MAJOR DI PINEDO.

MANOVI, BURMA, May 22nd.

Major Di Pinedo, the Italian airman, who left here to-day. He is bound for Puketi in Siam.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

DANGER OF TETRAETHYL.

SCIENTISTS CANNOT AGREE ON THE MATTER.

WASHINGTON, May 21st.

The conference of scientists to determine whether tetraethyl is dangerous has been opened.

Opinions differed so widely that it was decided to appoint a commission of seven recognised authorities on chemical medicine, physiology, and industrial hygiene to prepare, by January 1st, a statement as to the health hazards involved by retail distribution.

GOVERNOR OF KANSAS.

IS ACQUITTED OF CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

TOPEKA, May 21st.

Mr. J. M. Davis, Governor of Kansas, has been acquitted. He was charged with conspiracy to accept bribes for granting pardons, during his term of governorship.

EARLIER CABLES.

U.S. COASTAL LAWS.

FOREIGN VESSELS NOT WANTED IN LOCAL TRADES.

WASHINGTON, May 20th.

The Shipping Board passed a resolution requesting the American delegates at the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce, to be held at Brussels in June, to oppose any change in the American Navigation Laws, so as to admit foreign vessels to the coastwise trade.

The Shipping Board declares that a continuance of the efficient enforcement of the coastwise law is essential to the existence of the United States merchant marine and national defence.

THE MANILA OLYMPIAD.

WIDE REGRET EXPRESSED AT JAPANESE WITHDRAWAL.

MR. HIRANUMA'S APPEAL.

MANILA, May 21st.

Despite the entailed appeals from Mr. Hiranuma, President of the Japanese Amateur Athletic Association, Japan's track and field teams still refuse to continue the contest. Thus it is practically assured that the Philippines will win the games by default.

The corrected track and field standings are:—

Philippines	1234 points.
Japan	804 points.
China	24 points.

APOLOGIES TENDERED.

Mr. Franklin H. Brown, Y.M.C.A. Physical Director, Japan, (trainer to the Japanese team), in a speech at the Rotary Club, said:—"On behalf of the Japanese Delegation, I want to apologise to the Philippines for the withdrawal of the track and field men. Our head track coach, Mr. Okabe, was an unfortunate selection, made at the last minute. He has the spirit of winning not of sportsmanship. He and Mr. Tani, the track captain, have been the cause of the entire trouble."

Fortunately, their effort to make the strike general among our athletes failed. Mr. Onota (our swimming captain) and others, by refusing to withdraw, have influenced their men.

The strikers must explain when they return to Japan, how they lost the country the only chance to win the Emperor's Cup.

Japan defeated China at baseball by 11-2.

The Philippines defeated Japan at Volley-ball by 21-3.

Two Japanese entered the pentathlon this afternoon. They were not members of the regular track and field squad, the members of which are still refusing to participate.

In the tennis singles, Aragon (Philippines) defeated Ohta (Japan) by 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

JAPANESE PRESS VIEWS.

TOKYO, May 21st.

Intense regret and disappointment are felt in all circles over the trouble, which has developed at the athletic meeting at Manila. This is the all-absorbing topic of the morning papers, which, however, generally refrain from comment or from any attempt to adjudicate the blame until detailed reports have been received.

The *Asahi*, however, severely censures the athletes for unsportsmanlike behaviour, reflecting on the dignity and honour of the country. The paper declares that withdrawal from the games is not the proper method of calling attention to the alleged unfair decisions.

The *Asahi*, on the other hand, sides with the Japanese athletes.

The athletic authorities fear that the termination of the Olympic series is threatened.

EARLIER RESULTS.

MANILA, May 20th.

Japan was absent from the track and field to-day. The possibilities are that the Philippines will win the track and field events by default.

The results of all finals are:—

Two hundred metres: Nipponkosen, 1; Calson, 2; Perez, 3.
Time: 22.5-10secs.
Two hundred metres hurdles: Abiera, 1; Binangal, 2; Nicaron, 3.
Time: 25.7-10secs.
Polo Vault: Alo and Zaguilla, tied.
Time: 11.5-10secs.
Height: 11ft. 9ins.
Javelin throw: Won by Ico, with 31.7-10 metres; Roa, 2; Sevilla, 3; Bernadillo, 4.
Ten thousand metres: Musne, 1; Soriano, 2; Chi (China), 3.
Time: 30mins. 7.5-10secs.

The results of the swimming 1,500 metres (final) was: Xoyori first, then Sasaki, Matsugami and Kadogawa (all Japan). The time was: 22mins. 10.5-10 secs.

The basketball results are: China, 26; Japan, 15.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE.

QUESTION OF COST RAISED IN COMMONS.

LONDON, May 20th.

In the House of Commons, Sir Gerald Strickland (C.), Lancaster, asked what the annual cost of the Imperial naval establishment ashore at Singapore, and what would be the estimated cost thereof when the proposed naval base was completed.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, replied that at present there was only a commercial dockyard at Singapore. The only purely Admiralty establishment there was an oil fuel depot, but a beginning was being made with the naval base works. The cost of the future establishment would depend on the final scale of development, which was still being considered.

RAW RUBBER.

PRESENT PRICE SAID TO BE UNJUSTIFIED.

LONDON, May 20th.

The secretary of the Rubber Association announces that at a meeting of the committee held at Manchester a resolution was passed expressing the opinion that the present price of raw rubber is unjustified, and asserting that legislative restriction of the export of crude rubber should be devised with the object of stabilising the price of standard quality of smoked sheet between 1/3 and 1/6 per pound. The committee therefore considered that the present scheme should be drastically modified in such manner as to reduce the price of rubber within these limits.

THE TAIPO STATION CASE.

MR. BRAYFIELD FOUND GUILTY OF TRESPASS.

FINED AND BOUND OVER.

The case adjourned from last week) in which Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, of Taiipo, was summoned at the instance of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Company for using insulting words to Mr. Sang Lam Sau, stationmaster at Taiipo, where a breach of the peace might have been occasioned, was continued before Mr. S. B. B. McDermott at the Central Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

It will be recalled, from the full report of the case given in last Saturday's *Daily Press*, that it was alleged that Mr. Brayfield entered the office of the stationmaster at Taiipo on April 25th and said "D— you stationmaster, you son of a— Why don't you send your station coolies to the forebore to pick up these bottles. Defendant, who was stated to be engaged in an anti-malarial campaign, was then said to have dashed the two beer bottles he was carrying to the floor where they were smashed.

Yesterday, when the case was called, Mr. Whyte Smith again appeared for the prosecution and Mr. F. G. Vaux was for the defence.

In addition to the summons mentioned above, His Worship issued a further summons against defendant, in which the subject of the charge was, that of trespass.

After quoting numerous extracts from the ordinances bearing upon the case Mr. Vaux said his client contended that the way things were carried on at Taiipo led to the breeding of mosquitoes. These mosquitoes were a nuisance not only in the latrines but also outside of the area of the railway. There was a large piece of ground between the stationmaster's house and the station, where mosquitoes abounded. They were a plague and a menace to the occupants of adjoining premises and he submitted that his client was perfectly entitled to do what he could to get rid of them both for his own sake and for the sake of others.

His Worship: Yes, but the abating of a nuisance is one thing and entering the stationmaster's office is quite another.

Mr. Vaux asked what charge he had to answer now. If it was the original charge he was prepared to meet it.

Mr. Whyte Smith asked that the original charge be kept to.

His Worship replied that he thought it was sufficient to go on with the question of trespass. If he could convict on that it would be sufficient.

Mr. Vaux said he could see no charge of trespass and asked for more details. Before he answered such a charge he wished to know who the complainant was and upon what date and at what time it was alleged the trespass was committed.

His Worship: The date of the trespass is on April 25th, when your client entered the stationmaster's office, threw two bottles to the ground and used insulting language toward him.

Mr. Vaux then dealt with the different sections of the ordinance affecting the two summonses.

Continuing, he said: "In this case my client has had a charge brought against him of using insulting language likely to cause a breach of the peace, and now your Worship has brought another charge against him of trespass. I want to know on which charge your Worship is going to proceed."

His Worship: I think he is guilty of both, to tell the truth, but it is sufficient to convict on one charge. Certainly it was not necessary for defendant to trespass.

Mr. Vaux: If you will dismiss the first charge, I am ready to defend the charge of trespass.

His Worship: I think we will have both.

Mr. Vaux: I have no charge of trespass before me.

His Worship: I have no doubt that Mr. Brayfield went into the stationmaster's office and threw down two bottles.

In reply to further questions by Mr. Vaux, His Worship said Mr. Brayfield certainly had to answer both charges, but not at the same time. They would take the charge of trespass first and adjourn the other charge for the time being.

Dealing then with the charge of trespass, Mr. Vaux again asked who was the complainant in the case, and pointed out that Mr. Whyte Smith was prosecuting on the first charge.

His Worship replied that Mr. Trevor (a representative of the Railway Company) was the complainant.

Mr. Vaux maintained that defendant, owing to the law's delay, had a right to do what he could himself to abate nuisances. His client would give evidence, if called upon, to show that he had made application many times to the manager of the railway company, in writing, to abate these nuisances. His client would say that he had approached various persons in authority on the railway with a view to abating what he considered to be nuisances at Taiipo Station. His client claimed that these nuisances were a public danger. It was a duty devolving upon the Taiipo railway station not to allow the accumulation of filth there.

His Worship interjected that it was no ordinary trespass for Mr. Brayfield to go into the stationmaster's office and call him names.

Mr. Vaux submitted that his client had a perfect right to complain to the stationmaster at Taiipo and that the stationmaster there was the right person to see in connection with the abatement of a nuisance. "In the last proceedings," Mr. Vaux continued, "Your Worship made a suggestion that if my client would consent to be bound over, you would like to finish the case on those lines and not register a conviction."

(Continued on next column.)

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

YANGTZE VALLEY FORCES.

LU CHIN-SHAN TO TAKE OVER COMMAND.

PEKING, May 20th.

A mandate issued last night appoints Lu Chin Shan Commander of the Yangtze Forces, and relieves Wang Yu Chin of that post at his own request.

It is semi-officially stated that Wang Yu Chin will retire from his substantive post of Commander of the Eighth Peiyang Division, and that he will be replaced by Liu Yu Hsin, one of his lieutenants, while his concurrent post of Assistant Director of Military Affairs in Hupai is likely to fall to Liu Yu Shan, provided that Hsiao Yao Nan consents.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, sitting as a Coroner, opened an enquiry to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese of Kowloon City, who died in hospital last month the day after his admittance to the effects of opium poisoning. It was believed at the time that the opium might have been self-administered. It was stated by witnesses yesterday that the deceased returned to his home on the date in question and went to bed ill. Later he was removed to hospital where he died the day after his admittance. The Coroner adjourned the enquiry until Monday morning.

His Worship: That offer was not accepted.

Mr. Vaux: I have talked to my client about that and I have urged him to consider most seriously the position. He has now informed me that if this provocation or nuisance is dealt with in a proper way by the railway authorities, he would consent to settle this case in any reasonable way that your Worship thinks fit.

His Worship: Assuming that there was any provocation, Mr. Brayfield's actions went far beyond that provocation. What he did was not the way to secure a remedy. Now Mr. Brayfield has had time to consider the matter and yet he still persists that he had the right to call the Stationmaster the names he did. To my mind, that waives any claim to leniency on the ground of provocation.

Mr. Vaux: That is your Worship's opinion. I think those remarks are rather unfair. My client has not put up a defence yet.

His Worship: I don't think he can. Mr. Vaux: Oh, yes he can.

His Worship: Is he going to deny that he went into the stationmaster's office and did what he is alleged to have done?

Mr. Vaux: He will say that he went there and that the bottles dropped out of his hand and that he did not throw them down.

His Worship: He does not deny using abusive words?

Mr. Vaux: No.

His Worship: Then I shall convict.

Mr. Vaux: I submit that you cannot until you have heard me on this charge. I have had no chance to defend it yet.

His Worship: If he is prepared to deny it I will hear him.

Mr. Vaux: I cannot answer both charges at the same time and I have a right to answer one charge at a time.

His Worship: You are answering the charge of trespass now. The other charge is adjourned for the time being. Is your client prepared to say he did not go into the stationmaster's office and throw bottles?

Mr. Vaux: Yes.

Mr. Brayfield then went into the witness box.

His Worship: Do you deny that you threw the bottles?

Defendant: I deny throwing them in the stationmaster's office.

His Worship: The evidence shows that you threw them on the floor!

Defendant: They fell out of my hands, while I was standing outside the office. My hands were cut. I have the scars now. There were more than two bottles. There were five or six.

His Worship: Do you admit that the glass was in the office after they fell out of your hands?

Defendant: Glass was in the office, naturally. I have some bottles here. Perhaps, we might have a trial outside and see how bits of broken glass will fly!

His Worship: No thanks.

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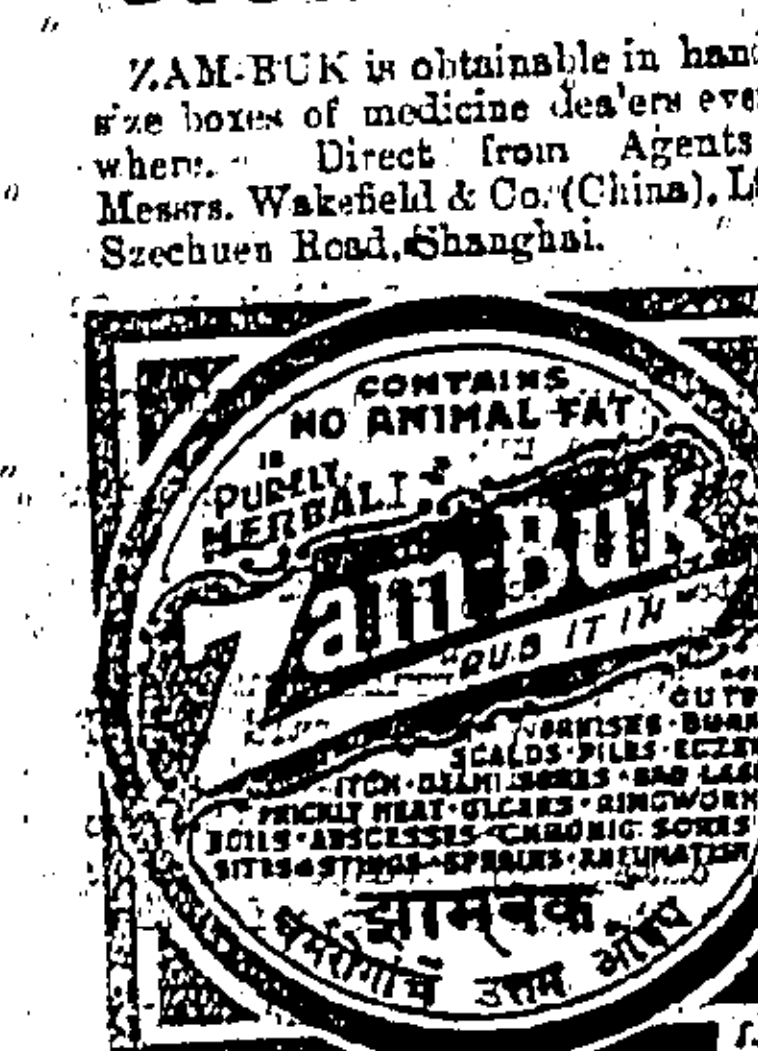
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THE LADY AND THE TIGER.

"BIGGEST BAGGED IN INDO-
CHINA."

What is said to be the biggest tiger
ever bagged in Indo-China, was shot
by Mrs. Curtis King, an American visitor
to China.

Interviewed in Shanghai by a represen-
tative of the N.C. Daily News Mrs. King
said:
"It was an exceptional bit of luck. My
husband and I were out here on a pleasure
trip, visiting a brother-in-law, Gen.
W. D. Connor, of the U.S. Army, Tien-
tsin. We went down to Saigon without
any idea of hunting, for although we are
both enthusiastic hunters and have shot
all over America we did not expect to
have time for a hunting trip in Indo-
China, as that generally means lengthy
preparation, and collecting of guides,
elaborate equipment and the like.
"When we reached Saigon, however,
we met Mr. White, of the American
Museum of Natural History, who told us
of the remarkably fine hunting in the
mountains behind Saigon and gave us
valuable directions as to where we might
find tigers. We were fortunate enough
to secure his chauffeur and the three of
us started off alone. My husband and I
had not even our own guns. We had to
buy some. We went up in the hills
about 150 miles behind Saigon and made
our headquarters at a little rest house
in a district called Djiring. No, you
won't find it on the map."

DEER AS BAIT.
"We found plenty of game of various
kinds in the jungle, deer, buffalo, and
birds, but saw no tigers until after we
had killed a deer and left it as bait.
This tiger came out for it, passing with-
in 20 feet of us. It was an exciting
moment for me, for I had never seen
a tiger in his native jungle before, much
less shot at one, but I managed to bring
him down. We had to hurry back to
Saigon to catch our boat, so Mr. King
didn't have a chance to bag a tiger for
himself. That means we shall have to
come back and try again when we have
more leisure. We had only ten days for
this trip.
It is reported that the tiger which Mrs.
King shot is the largest which has been
killed in Indo-China in the last ten years,
but the sportsman herself modestly
disclaims this, only saying, "Yes, it was
a good-sized animal."

THE HAGGIS LEGEND.

A lively article on Scotland's alleged
national dish has been contributed
to a Glasgow evening newspaper by the
Rev. C. V. A. Maclellan, of Colombo,
and a couple of stories in it are too
good to be left in the columns of a
local journal, however wide its circula-
tion. In the first story the reverend
gentleman says:
"In the kindness of her heart,
as well as in the exuberance of her
Scottish patriotism, my sister once
sent a healthy haggis to an Army officer
in France—an insular Englishman, whose
first thought as he viewed it was of a
sweeping hedgehog, but whose spoken
verdict, when asked as to how it ought
to be eaten was 'It looks as if it had
been eaten already!'"

The other story also takes us back to
the Great War. In January, 1915, says
the reverend chronicler, having been
asked to propose the toast of the Im-
mortal Memory at the annual celebra-
tion in an Officers' Mess overseas, I de-
termined to make no incorrect dis-
tinction from the Bard. I accordingly dis-
patched the following cablegram to a
Scottish manse—"Please send something
burns for 25th January." Admittedly
the cable was somewhat difficult to in-
terpret, and, after a consultation in the
study, they concluded that there was
about to be celebrated a Scottish Festi-
val, that I, as mess officer, was anxious
to do things in the superlative, and ac-
cordingly wanted an extra large supply
of haggis. After a feverish search for
the necessary ingredients, involving much
expenditure of time and energy, my
sister duly got the haggis despatched—
fourteen in number—just in the nick
of time to reach the mess calculated to
reach me for the 25th. On the 23rd
a chery letter narrating all this, and
advising me to expect haggis, was
received by me, but, alas! no poems of
burns which I had requested and awaited.
What on earth was I to do with
fourteen haggis? But I set to, and with
the aid of Scottish instinct, and a little
sentiment, I succeeded in booking orders
for eleven out of the fourteen, and my
temperature was again normal. Four
weeks, however, elapsed without any
trace of the haggis; and those who had
ordered them, and in some cases already
paid for them, began to express anxiety,
gentle inquiry being followed by suspi-
cious reminders amounting almost to
threats. At the end of the fourth and
most uncomfortable week, a letter from
my sister threw light on the mystery and
enabled me to explain. That letter I
posted in the Mess Cage for all interest-
ed; here is an extract from it.
"Two weeks after despatching
you the haggis, I received an official
form from the G.P.O., London, asking
me to declare that the contents of the
parcel was not a bomb, or explosive of
any description, and promising me
forward it to you when due inquiries had
been made by the War Office, and His
Majesty's Government, as to the prob-
able motive of the sender, and as to her
antecedents, with special reference to
any German relationship by marriage or
otherwise. I was so enraged and so
chagrined that I demanded an instant
return of the package along with the
value of the postage. Eventually after
much correspondence, the haggis—such
as they then were—did come back, and
we were out a good deal of expense hav-
ing them buried deep in the extreme
corner of the garden and having the
house disinfected."

DO CONCERTS PAY?

WEST-END AGENTS AND SIR
LONDON RONALD.

"The statement made by Sir London
Ronald, at the dinner of the London
Section of the Incorporated Society of
Musicians, that not more than two per-
cent of the concerts given in London
pay their expenses, and the reasons he
gave, are by no means wholeheartedly
endorsed by the leading West-End con-
cert agents, says *The Observer*. While
it is admitted, generally speaking, that
a large number of concerts are financial-
ly unsuccessful, it is also a fact that those
at which first-class artists are billed to
appear seldom have a seat left unsold.
On one point, in agreement with Sir Lan-
don, namely, that the introduction of
broadcasting is a material factor in the
decreased audiences at popular concerts.
"If a concert-giver delivers the goods,"
he makes his concert pay," said the
principal of a well-known West-End
firm. "He must, however, produce the
right music and the right artists. The
average concert with average artists
does not pay; but a first-class concert
with first-class artists does pay. When
I say a concert-giver must produce the
right music, I mean good music, though
not necessarily what is generally called
"classical" music. Such concerts, by
eminent artists, always pay, and need
no additional attractions."

With regard to Sir London Ronald's
suggestion that smoking should be al-
lowed at concerts, this gentleman was of
opinion that, generally speaking, the
public preferred the present rule to con-
tinue. In the case of delicate voices,
the vocalists would be badly affected by
the smoke-laden atmosphere. No doubt
some men were kept away from concerts
by the prohibition of smoking; but, on
the other hand, there were many women
who objected to it; and there was a feel-
ing with a large section of the public
that concerts would lose caste if smok-
ing were allowed; that the "atmosphere"
would suffer in a double sense. As to
Sir London's remarks on "the uncon-
fortable seats and the same barren,
dinky halls," he maintained that the
concert halls in London were well uphol-
stered and comfortably seated, and could
compare favourably with the average
theatre or cinema.

The head of another leading firm also
expressed the opinion that, although
undoubtedly many concerts had not
shown any profit, the public could be
relied upon to support popular artists.
He admitted, however, that concerts did
not attract, as a rule, so large audiences
as before the war, owing to the altera-
tion in public taste and the growth of
counter-attractions, especially dancing.
"The aftermath of the war is respon-
sible, in my opinion, for this change,"
he said. "The craze for dancing grew
up at that time of unrest when people
had to distract their thoughts by light
entertainment that demanded no mental
effort, and in which they could actually
take part. But this is probably a pass-
ing phase."

SINS OF THE CHURCH.

CANON DONALDSON ON
"CHRISTIAN HYPOCRITES."

"God is goodness, truth and beauty,
yet we tolerate the hideous modern cities
we have built, and the travesty of Christ's
Kingdom which we call civilisation," said
Canon Donaldson at Westminster Abbey,
recently, when delivering the last of his
series of Lenten lectures on social prob-
lems, the title of the address being
"The Sins of the Church."

We accepted things civic and industrial
as they were, he continued, and frowned
upon those who proposed to transform
them. We regarded our unemployed
tragedy as a tiresome economic difficulty,
rather than as an outrage on the King-
dom of God, and regarded war as inevit-
able, instead of as a denial of God and as
practical atheism.

Our creeds were magnificent and our
religious profession great, yet we were
wrapped up in formalisms, in church-going
pieties, devotions and services. Modern
Christians were hypocrites, because they
did not express all those good things in
terms of life.

We believed in the Church as a highly
organised institution, yet we accepted a
higgledy-piggledy social system of com-
petitive chaos, and when men proposed
to alter it, we dubbed them in terms of
reproach "Socialists." The modern
Church suffered from blindness of
vision, because it did not envisage for
society its own ideals and accepted the
current "values" of things as if they were
the standard of the Kingdom of God.

As a Church, they were more concerned
with purely ecclesiastical questions of
controversial theology than with the
welfare of mankind. They forgot that the
Church did not exist for purposes of its
own, but for the good of mankind. They
did the lesser thing and omitted the
"weightier matters of the law"—judgment
and justice, mercy and faith.

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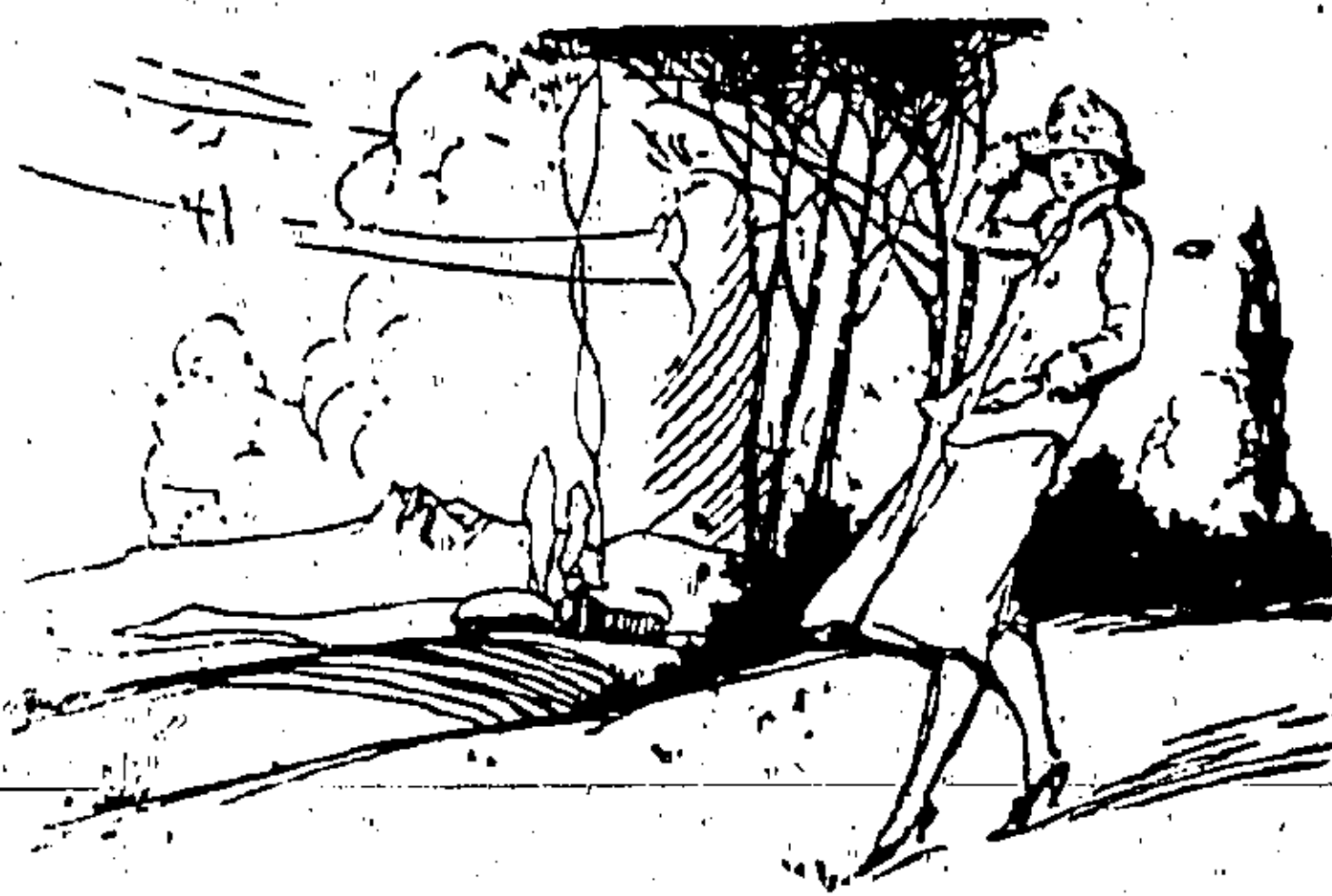
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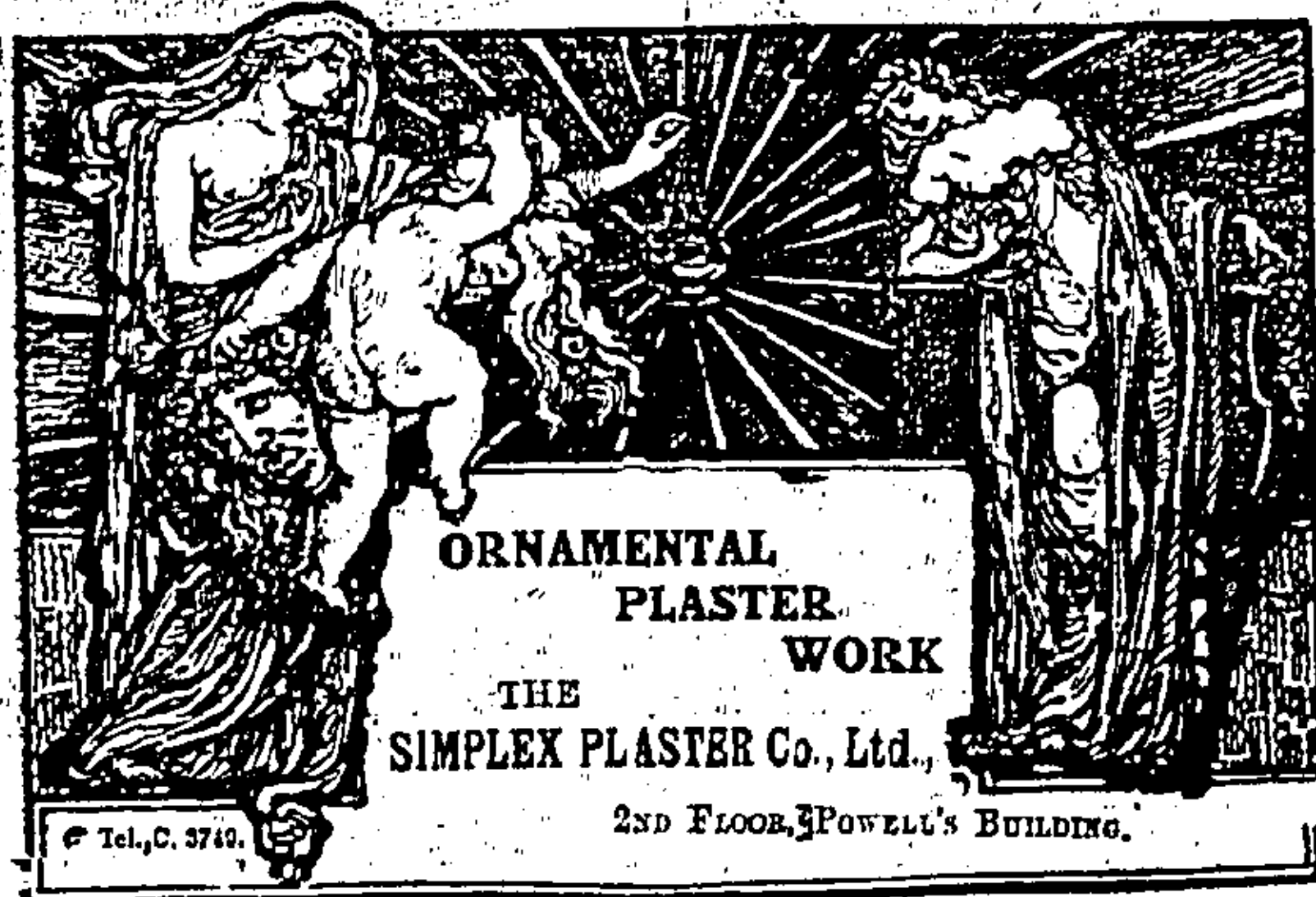
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LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

O'CALLAGHAN WINS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FROM HONDA.

The annual Lawn Tennis Tournament held in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club is now all but finished for another year, in fact the concluding match only remains to be played this afternoon, when the final of the Open Doubles Championship will be decided. Yesterday afternoon, the final of the Open Championship Singles was played. After a hard and protracted tussle, Capt. C. O'Callaghan justified the confidence placed in him by his many supporters, by wresting the title from Mr. T. Honda, by three sets to two.

The match was one of the best out of five sets. In the first set, O'Callaghan played probably better than at any stage of the game and after a keen struggle gained the verdict by 8-6.

The first game went to Honda and the second to O'Callaghan. Honda took the third, but the next went to his opponent, who also gained the fifth. Honda drew level at 3-3, and won the next game. O'Callaghan made it 4-4, and increased his lead to 5-4, when Honda again drew level, and also won the eleventh game. O'Callaghan drew level again 6-6, and won the next two games, thus winning the first set by 8-6.

In the second set, O'Callaghan drew first blood and also took the second game. The next four games went to Honda, and O'Callaghan then brought the score to 3-4. The next two went to Honda, who won by 6-3.

In the third set, Honda played magnificently and won the first five games with ease. O'Callaghan took the next game but Honda won the next and the set 6-1. In the fourth set, O'Callaghan won the first four games. Honda won the next two, when his opponent increased his lead to 5-2; while Honda secured the eighth game and brought the score to 5-3. The next game went to O'Callaghan, who thus brought the reckoning to two sets all.

In the final set both men were on their mettle, but O'Callaghan proved too strong for his opponent, who was obviously affected by an attack of cramp, and unable to exert himself to the full. The first game went to O'Callaghan and then Honda took the next, and as it proved, the only game in the set he was destined to secure. The five succeeding games went to O'Callaghan, who won this set chiefly through the faulty returns of his opponent who constantly placed the ball outside the court. Winning the fifth set, and three out of the five played, by 6-1, Capt. O'Callaghan thus secured the Singles Championship of the Colony. The score of games 24-22 in favour of O'Callaghan is a fair indication of the merit of the players yesterday afternoon.

The final scores read in favour of O'Callaghan:—

8-6, 3-5, 1-6, 6-3, 5-4.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Another interesting game played yesterday was that of the Club Championship Singles, in which S.E. Green defeated W. Hyde, and secured this title. Green won the first and third sets easily, but the second went to 7-5.

The final scores in this match were:—
In favour of Green:—6-1, 7-5, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S CONCLUSION.

This afternoon, will witness the conclusion of the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament. The final match will be between Capt. C. O'Callaghan and Dr. D. R. Gawler and H. D. and S. A. Humjahn in the Open Doubles Championship, to decide who shall hold the title until next year. This will be a stand-out game. At the close, the various trophies won in the different competitions of the tournament will be presented to the winners and runners-up by Miss Owen Hughes.

H.V.D.C. SPORTS.

H.V.D.C. ORDERS.

A number of interesting items appear in the current orders of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with regard to the forthcoming first annual sports meeting on Whit-Monday, June 1st.

Baseball.—As the Defence Corps have entered a team for this season's League, commencing early June, will all those who are interested kindly send their names in to Lieut. Col. H. G. R. Burns c/o Messrs. Butterfield & Swire who will assume secretarial duties not later than the 25th May. Practices have to be arranged and therefore there is no time for delay. The Sports Committee have elected Sergt. O. Eager as "Manager."

Baseball Practice.—Until further notice, practices will be held at Headquarters on the following days:—Tuesday and Thursday, 5.15 p.m.; Friday, 5.45 p.m.; for all; Wednesday, and Friday, 5.15 p.m., for potential pitchers and catchers only.

Six-a-side Football.—By kind permission of the Kowloon Football Club, the ground of the K.F.C. is now available for the continuance of these matches any evening except Saturdays or Sundays.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Corps Rifle Shooting programme to take place at Stonecutters Range, has been arranged as under:—

Port J.—Armoured Car Co., June 7th; Engineer Co., June 14th; Scottish Co., June 21st; Artillery Co., June 28th; Infantry Co., July 5th; Mounted Infantry Co., July 12th; Armoured Car Co., July 19th; Engineer Co., July 26th; Scottish Co., August 2nd; Infantry Co., August 9th; Casuals, August 23rd.

INTERPORT RIFLE SHOOT.

HONGKONG'S TEAM TO BE CHOSEN TO-MORROW.

In connection with the Interport Rifle Shoot, open to Penang, Singapore, Shanghai and Hongkong, to be fired by the end of this month, each port firing at its own range, the team to represent Hongkong will be chosen to-morrow.

Thirteen have been selected to fill the twelve places in the team, and these will fire off a trial shoot at the Taikeo Range to-morrow; while the actual shoot in the contest will take place on Sunday, providing the weather permits. The thirteen nominated are as under:—Mr. T. Swan, Mr. D. B. Bone, Mr. R. C. Wallace, Mr. M. H. Wallace, Mr. A. MacIndore, Mr. T. Grimshaw and Mr. C. H. Summers of the Taikeo Recreation Club; Mr. D. Reid and Mr. N. L. H. Raiton of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps; Mr. W. E. Cook of the Dockyard Rifle Club; Mr. W. D. Goodfellow, unattached; and Sub-Inspector C. MacNab Wilson of the Hongkong Police.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Douglas MacLean, who appears as a handsome young hotel messenger in Thomas H. Ince's latest comedy farce, "Bell Boy 13," now opening at the Queen's Theatre, says that he got one of the biggest thrills of his movie career when he had to climb out on a window ledge twelve stories high for one of the scenes in the picture. In addition to the fact that the ledge was none too wide and was over one of San Francisco's busiest streets, MacLean had to carry a pitcher of ice-water in one hand as he felt his way along the ledge from one window to the next. He admits that his hand shook so as he crept along, that he spilled every drop of water in the pitcher and a man on the street below put up his umbrella, thinking that it was raining for a change.

The official opening of the first unit of a modern ocean terminal system to be constructed by the Pacific Steamship Terminals Corporation was held recently in Seattle. Visitors who inspected the structure all proclaimed it as the "last word" in ocean terminal construction. The terminal project will cost \$5,000,000 and will be the finest thing of its kind in the world. The big dock is designed to accommodate the coast-wise and Alaska vessels of the Pacific Steamship Company's fleet, and hereafter all units of the service both north and south bound will arrive at and depart from this dock.

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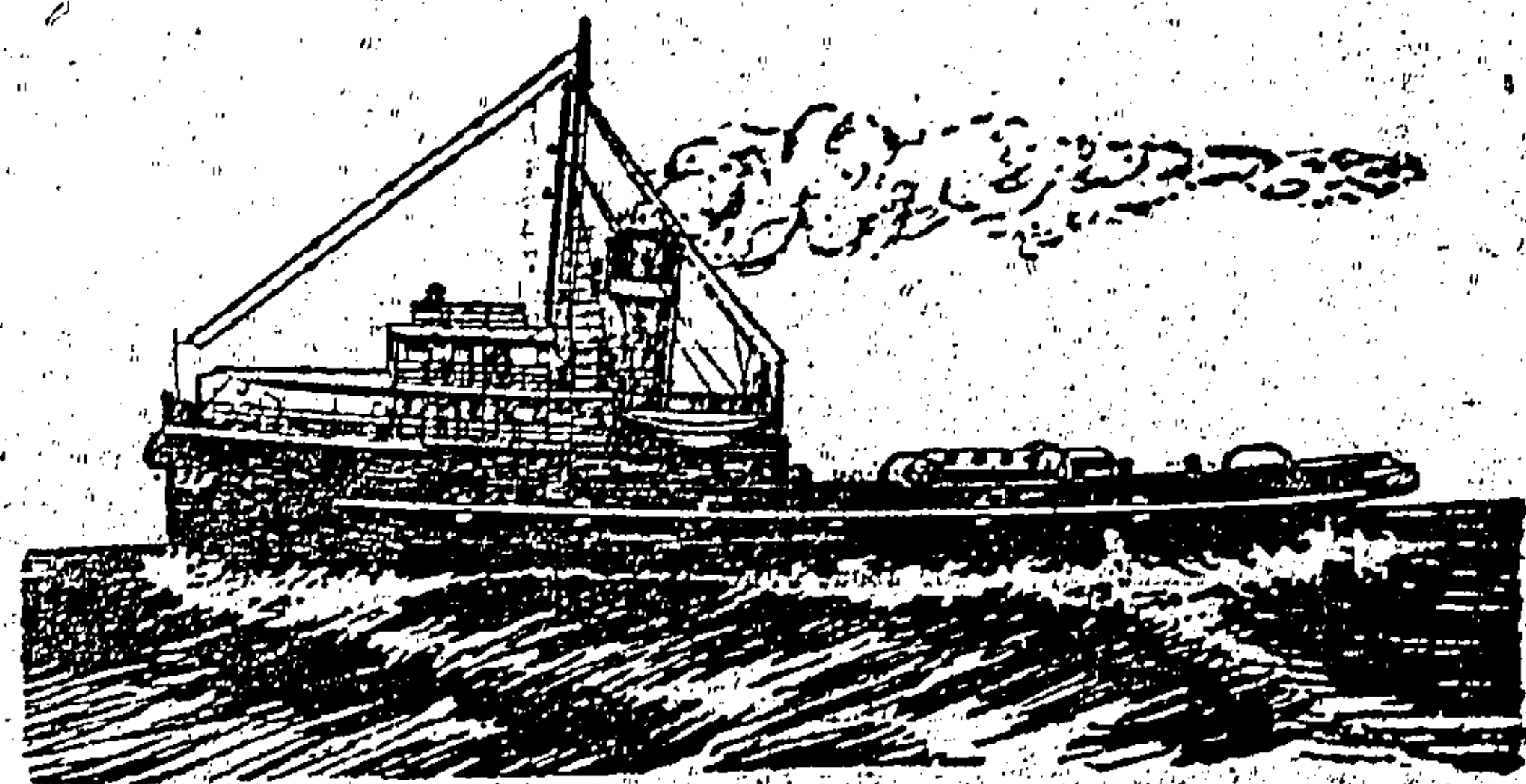
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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

May 20th.
Remondini, British str., 1,108 tons, Capt. T. J. Smith, from London and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 131—Gibb Livingstone & Co.
Cochoy, British str., 1,225 tons, Capt. T. Johnston, from Swatow, lying at Taikoo Dock—B. & S.
Kichin Maru, Japanese str., 131 tons, Capt. Tokumoto, from Singapore, lying at Wanchai.
Lee Sang, British str., 972 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 132—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Lungchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. H. J. James, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 133—B. & S.
Lingchow, French str., 1,416 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Pukhoi, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 134—Seng Koo.
Provincetown, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 135—K. Larson & Co.
Telegraph, British str., 1,340 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Saigon, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 136—W. F. Shaw.
Tjondari, Dutch str., 1,013 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Dairen, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 137—J. G. L.

May 21st.
Chinkiang, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. T. C. Beer, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 138—B. & S.
Piedra Blanca, Norwegian str., 725 tons, Capt. Y. Klausen, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 139—Chau Yee Ting.
Foo Sang, British str., 1,223 tons, Capt. J. McArthur, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at West Point wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Hamburg Maru, Japanese str., 1,158 tons, Capt. K. Oribara, from Calcutta and Singapore, with 1,500 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—O.S.K.
Kata Maru, Japanese str., from Canton, lying at O.S.K.
President Taft, American str., 5,415 tons, Capt. C. M. Cochran, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

CLEARANCES.

May 21st.
Apocoy, for Saigon.
Empress of Russia, for Manila.
Piedra Blanca, for Swatow.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kachoshu Maru, for Takao.
Koku Maru, for Swatow.
Mader, for Canton.
New Sang, for Amoy.
New York, for Hoihow.
Nitro Maru, for Fochow.
Swimming, for Canton.
Tuk Tai, for Bangkok.
Wong Shik Kung, for Saigon.
Yuku, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.
 Per s.s. *President Taft*, on May 21st: Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Guthe and two children, Mr. Gil Mearns, Mr. Leon Miralbes, Mrs. H. E. Naff, Mr. James Oles, Mrs. H. Roberts, Miss Sabra Roberts, Mrs. A. A. Shipley, Mr. Carlos Soriano, Miss L. Lennox Simpson, and Miss M. E. Wilson.

DEPARTURES.
 Per s.s. *President Grant*, on May 21st: Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Mok and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wentworth, Miss A. Rosella, Misses C. and L. Botelho, Masters Paul John and P. V. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hamilton, Mr. A. H. Compton, Miss B. Marcel, Mr. P. W. Cotton, Mr. M. Anderson, Mr. J. B. Ralbutt, Mr. R. F. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Tang, Mr. Young Siu Mook, Mr. Lam Ping Po, Mr. Lee Wai Nam, Miss Lee, Mr. M. Dand, Mr. Wm. Blyth, Mr. Ng Ping Chit, Mrs. M. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McCall and child, Mr. and Mrs. A. McLaughlin and child, daughter, Mrs. F. E. Bishop and child, Mr. Geo. R. Black, Mr. G. W. Conolly, Mr. P. Jewitt, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wardwell, Miss Agnes Kave, Miss R. L. Dexter, Mr. Chan Jong Sing, Mr. Lew Dong Sue, Miss King Shoo Wong, Miss Chin Po Lin, Mr. Geo. Edwards, Mr. R. Nicholson, Mr. Sig. Hart, Mr. S. Luigi, Mrs. D. A. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Garrett, Mrs. J. Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Barnshaw, Mrs. J. E. Espinas and daughter, Mr. Quan Hung, Mrs. Hanief, Miss L. Kennedy, Mr. L. Moore, Lieut. Comdr. G. E. Murray, Mr. A. H. Tait, and Mr. H. Whittier and daughter.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. *Machodon* (Blue Funnel Line), for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, left Shanghai on the 20th inst. For this port, and is due to arrive here on the 23rd. She will be despatched at 4 p.m. on the 25th.

The s.s. *Marjona* (Blue Funnel Line), left Liverpool on the 10th inst. for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, and is due at this port on or about June 20th.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Colonia* is expected to arrive from Europe to-morrow afternoon, and will sail for Shanghai on Sunday, most probably in the afternoon.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Mails arriving in the Colony on Wednesday and yesterday were brought in as under:—From Shanghai and Swatow: s.s. *Lingchow* (38 packets); Manila: s.s. *Lee Sang* (35 bags); Manila: s.s. *President Grant* (23 bags).

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DEPARTED
New York & Boston via PANAMA	Takaoka Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 6th June
New York & Boston	Moorish Prince	Brit.	Fraser & Lane	On 1st June
New York & Boston via Suez	Regiment Casale	Brit.	Doddwell & Co. Ltd.	On 28th June
Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez	Sumner	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 7th June
BARCELONA, VALENCIA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, &c.	Diomed	Brit.	Gillman & Co.	About 35th inst.
Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez	Katuna	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 7th June
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAP. PORTS & H.K.	President Taft	Am.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 19th June
VICTORIA & VANGUARD, B.C. via SHANGHAI, &c.	Kaga Maru	Jap.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 23rd inst.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. PORTS	Tyndareus	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 1st June, 11 a.m.
SEATTLE & VICTORIA via SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	President Madison	Am.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 8th June
MARSHALLS & LONDON	Mores	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th June
MARSHALLS, &c.	Angkor	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
MARSHALLS, &c.	Amboise	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
MARSHALLS, &c.	Chantilly	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
MARSHALLS, LONDON, ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	Fushimi Maru	Jap.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
HAVE, LONDON, R'DAM & HAMBURG	Amsterdam	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
GAMCO, HAVRE, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW	Corlenz	Ger.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN, LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Machodon	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	On 24th inst.
GENOA, LONDON, R'DAM, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Cookstark	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	On 24th inst.
GENOA, LONDON, R'DAM, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Ceylon Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	Laing	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Taira	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	Sigala	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, &c.	Van Oloon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	On 24th inst.
SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELI	Rosandra	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
BALDWIN, VENICE & TRIESTE	Kueichow	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
WINDHRAVE, OBEFOO & TIENTSIN	Mausung	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	On 24th inst.
SANDALAY	Tango Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	Changsha	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Muroran Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Hoppeang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	On 24th inst.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	Sondan	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
SHANGHAI & KORE	St. Altans	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, KORE & MOJI	Dela	Brit.	Doddwell & Co. Ltd.	About 30th inst.
SHANGHAI	Venezia	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	On 24th inst.
MOJI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Tjondari	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Malwa	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th inst.
TIENTSIN	Chongshing	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	About 23rd inst.
HONGKONG via HOKKAI	Tjondari	Brit.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	On 24th inst.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Mingung	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
HONGKONG, PENANG & HAITHONG	Kalgan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th inst.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Taming	Brit.	Douglas Lapsrak & Co.	On 24th inst.
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MANILA	President Madison	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 24th inst.

WEATHER REPORT.

May 21st at 17.45.—Present charges are everywhere slight. The anticyclone has moved into the Eastern Sea, and the depression has entered the Sea of Japan. An area of relatively low pressure remains over the northern China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 21st 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 29.92 inches, against an average of 18.79 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 22nd is as follows:—

Forecast: N. winds, moderate; Formosa Channel: E. winds, moderate; Hongkong to Cap Rock: cloudy, probably some rain.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: do.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Hongkong Observatory, May 21st.			
	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 5 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.	On Date at 5 p.m.
Barometer	29.74	29.78	29.79	29.79
Temperature	78	76	78	78
Humidity	80	82	82	82
Wind Direction	E	E	E	E
Force	0	0	0	0
Weather	O	O	O	O
Rain	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air temperature on 20th	80			
Lowest open-air temperature on 21st	75			

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 22nd to 28th, 1925.					
HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.		
Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.
Fri.	22	10 52	6.6	10 23	2.5
Satur.	23	10 54	6.8	10 25	2.7
Sun.	24	10 54	6.8	10 25	2.8
Mon.	25	10 54	6.8	10 25	2.8
Tue.	26	10 54	6.8	10 25	2.8
Wed.	27	10 54	6.8	10 25	2.8
Thur.	28	10 54	6.8	10 25	2.8

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Bellerophon (Blue Funnel), due on or about June 8th.
Claus Dickmers (Richmond Line), due on or about June 1st.
Empress of Australia (C.P.R.), due June 3rd.
President Hayes (Dollar), due May 25th.
President Madison (Admiral Oriental), due May 24th.
Titan (Blue Funnel), due on or about May 28th.
Troilus (Blue Funnel), due on or about June 11th.

Harbour Officer reports showed that vessels arriving in port for the 24 hours preceding 9 a.m. yesterday were 15, with 20 departures. Of this arrivals, six were British, one French, two American, one Dutch, two Norwegian, and three Japanese. There were 73 vessels in the Harbour yesterday, of which 20 were British, as against a total of 84 (28 British) the previous day.

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LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES.

TAKAOKA MARU, Friday, 12th June

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CEYLON MARU, Friday, 29th May

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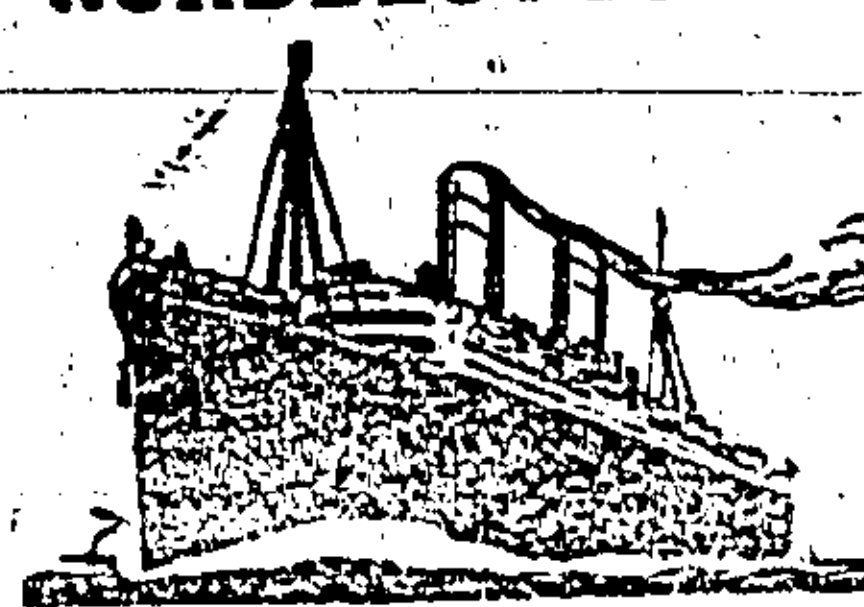
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M/S. "Tongking"	20th August	—
M/S. "Australia"	25th September	—
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ANGELO	7th May, "	8th June, "	7th July, "
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"MOOREA"	10,911	30th May, Noon	Marseilles & London
"NAGOYA"	8,534	3rd June, Noon	Mars., London, A'werp, H'burg & Hal
"JYETPORE"	8,518	10th June	Singapore & Bombay
"KALYAN"	8,518	10th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KIDDERPORE"	8,534	13th June	Mars., London, Antwerp & Hull
"MIRZAPUR"	8,518	13th June	Singapore & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"DELTA"	8,067	11th July	Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,538	11th July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KANTUA"	10,908	18th July	Mars., London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,538	8th Aug.	Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,538	8th Aug.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"MACDONIA"	11,058	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	8,512	3rd Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"NARKUNDA"	10,227	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London
"KRYBER"	9,114	19th Sept.	Marseilles & London & A'werp
"KARMALA"	9,128	3rd Oct.	Marseilles & London & A'werp
"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London
"KEIVA"	9,138	21st Oct.	Marseilles & London & Antwerp
"KANTUA"	10,908	14th Nov.	Marseilles & London
"KALYAN"	8,544	28th Nov.	Marseilles & London & Antwerp
"MOOREA"	10,911	12th Dec.	Marseilles & London

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"TAIRRA"	7,935	31st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	8,949	7th June	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	7th July	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"TANDA"	8,958	3rd June	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th July	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Aug.	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	2nd Sept.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Nov.	do.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"MALWA"	10,941	28th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th June	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,538	18th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"DELTA"	8,067	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,000	21st June	Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,802	26th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,538	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SOUDAN"	6,696	10th July	Shanghai & Kobe
"MACDONIA"	11,058	24th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
"KEIVA"	9,138	7th Aug.	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	7th Aug.	Shanghai & Kobe
"NARKUNDA"	10,227	21st Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KARMALA"	9,128	4th Sept.	Shanghai.
"DELTA"	8,067	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	28th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe
"KEIVA"	9,138	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	2nd Oct.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,802	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Nov.	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	7th Nov.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MOOREA"	10,911	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,538	28th Nov.	do.
"MACDONIA"	11,058	12th Dec.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 22nd May, Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 24th May, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 24th May, 11 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 26th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 26th May, 11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUCHIOW"	On 26th May, 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 27th May, Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 28th May, 11 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 28th May, Noon
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 30th May, D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"OBUSAN"	On 30th May, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 31st May, 11 a.m.
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